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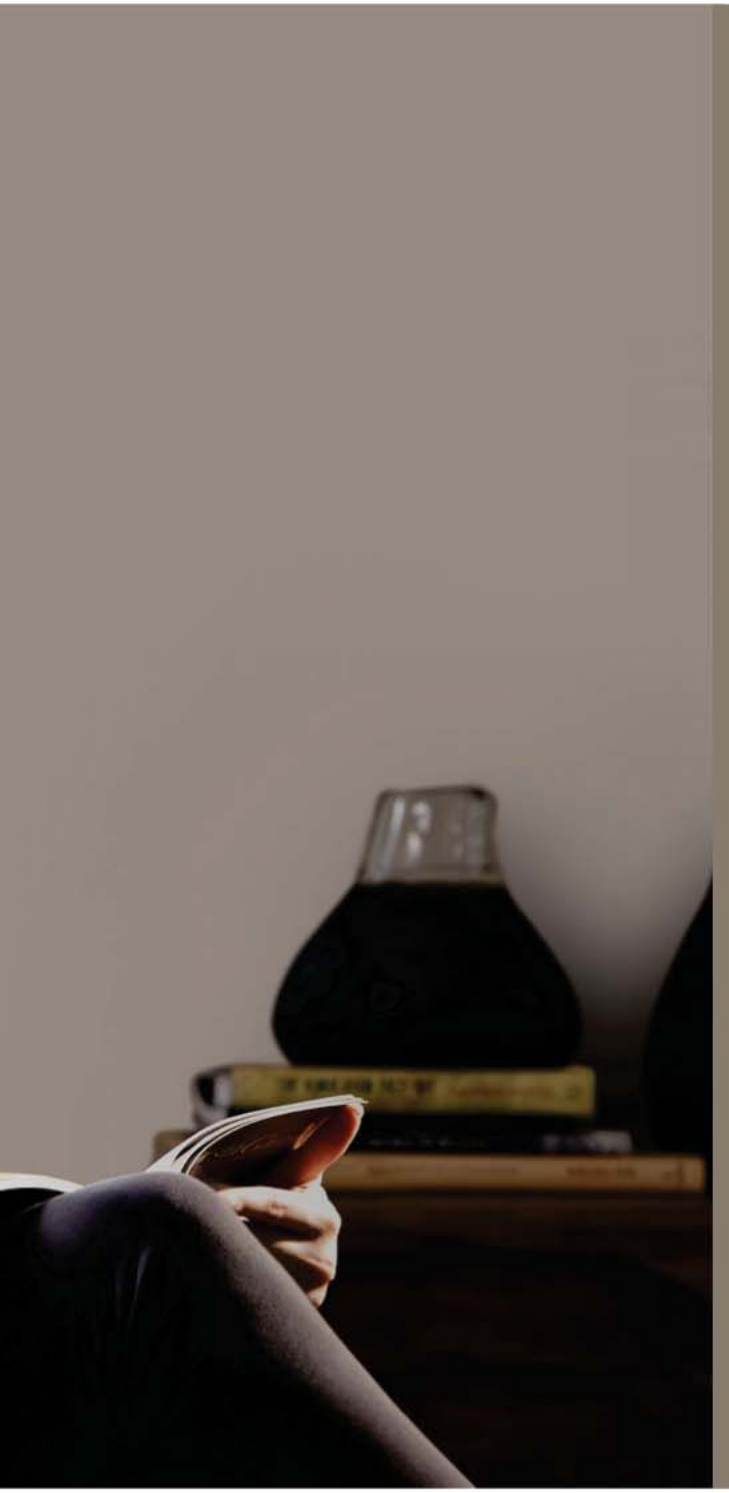

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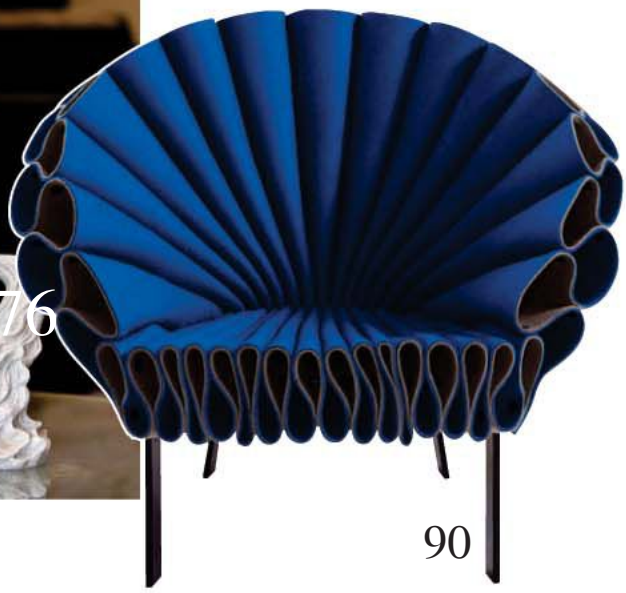

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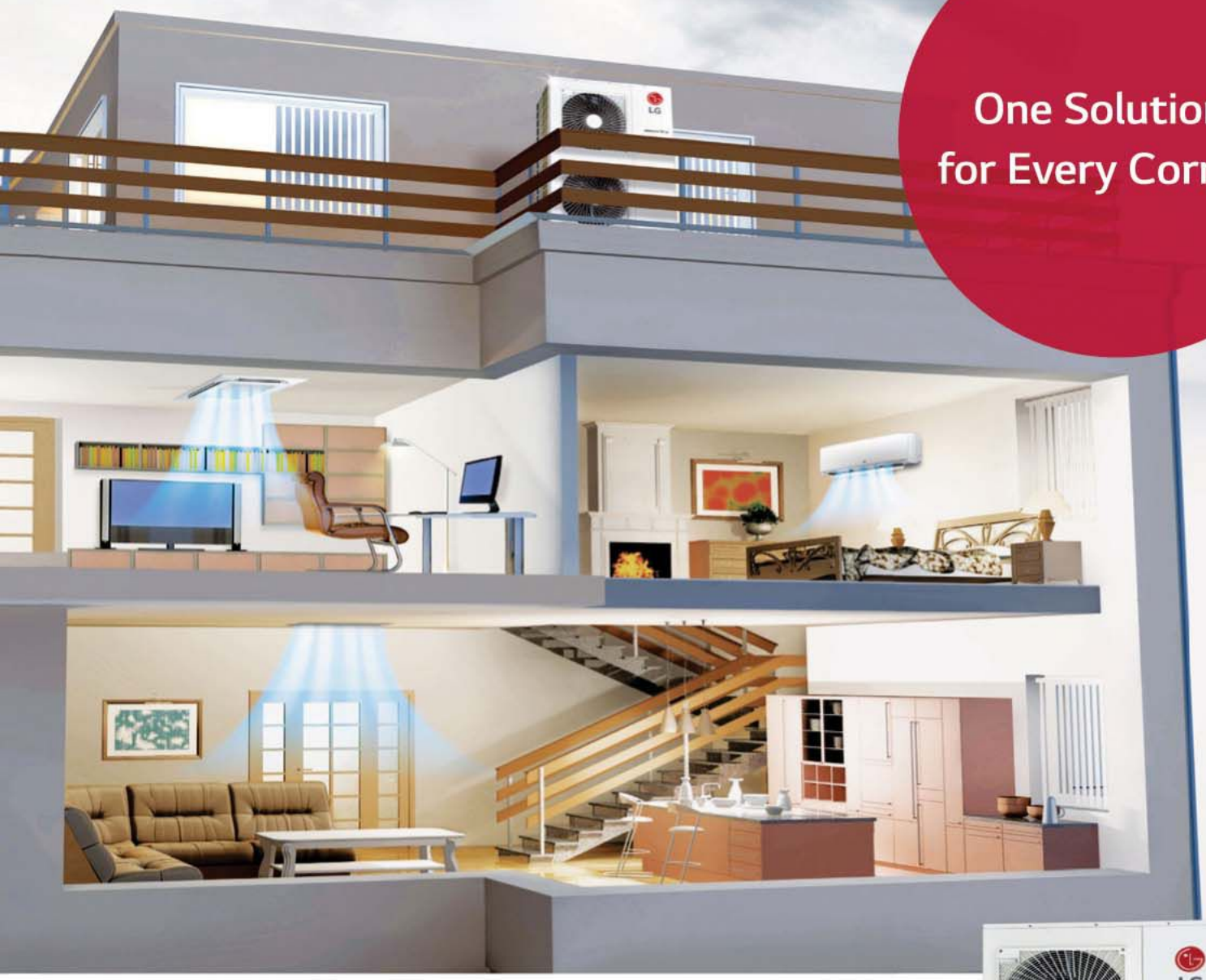

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Straight TALK

The season to sip on hot chai accompanied with crisp *pakoda*s are here. Where we are, in Mumbai, it has been pouring non-stop over the last few days.

And barring the hazardous commute to work, I am perpetually perched on my comfy couch watching the clouds gather and the big fat droplets of rain drench my balcony full of greens on a non-stop basis.

If it weren't for my couch and the cosy tea corner I have created for myself, I am not sure my rain experience would have turned out so delightful. Exactly why we have come up with a Furniture & Furnishings Special. According to me, these two elements can determine the way you want your house to look.

The festive months are not too far away, and this is just the right time to start planning your big buys for the festive makeover. Refer to our extensive all-encompassing shopping guide for what to buy and where to get them, spread across the magazine. We have also picked some of our favourite pieces and set it up for you for some style inspiration. What's more, there is a complete expert-backed trend guide to assist you with investing in the right things.

As always, your stylish home makeover starts here, keep reading!

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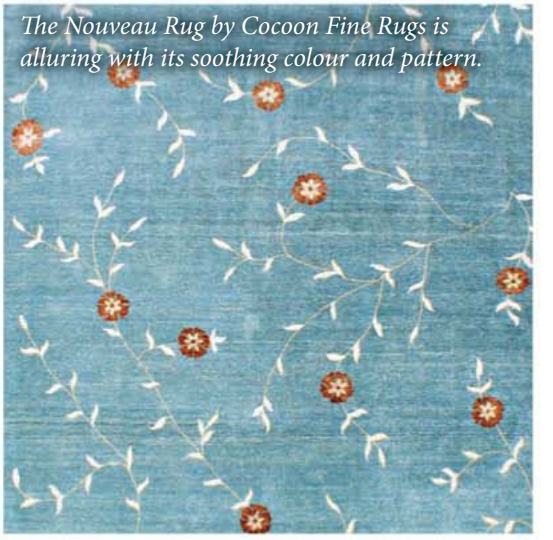
MY PICKS:

The yellow and grey cushions from Address Home have caught my fancy.



The Nouveau Rug by Cocoon Fine Rugs is alluring with its soothing colour and pattern.

The Nightingale bedding from Calvin Klein's Spring 2015 Collection is soothingly elegant .

The Penny Metal Mirror recently launched by The Furniture Republic is stylish chic.

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Truly Indian

Editor's Pick

Curious Designs

One of the most sought-after names in the world of interior right now, Sussanne Khan, open up on her YOO debut, plans for her interior venture The Charcoal Project, and a continuing passion for creativity and innovation.

Interviews: Sevina Dsouza & Mahitha Seal
Images: Nisha Dargo

Creative Director of YOO, a speciality way of appealing the extent of Sussanne Khan's reach, the Mumbai-based interior brand has a lot to do with her inspiration, inspired with her motto of her foundation philosophy on every step

leads to the monsoonier level that boasts her work area in The Charcoal Project, her two-storey store at Andheri in Mumbai, which is a blend of her curated collection by international and Indian designers, along with a furniture line designed by Sussanne herself.

The June issue of The Ideal Home and Garden is indeed a collector's delight. Never before has Indian decor been so vibrant and happening, and this issue captures all the elements so well with in-depth articles, useful snippets on where to get what, and eye-candy pictures. Of special mention is the cover focus on Sussanne Khan who is making bold strides in the world of decor with her unique ideas and statement pieces. Her candid views on the changing decor landscape made for an interesting read. The 'green' shopping guide, the article on 'Art Investment', and recipes of local cuisine were compelling too. Kudos to the team for putting together this quintessentially Indian theme. Go green, go Indian!

Swetha Kannan, Chennai

All inOne

I must say that every month TIHG increases the net worth of my humble apartment by merely resting on my coffee table. The June 2015 issue was no different when it brought famous celebrities like Sussanne Khan, Gauri Khan, and Adarsh Gill on a single platform. Iconic inspirations about Gauri's work space, curious information about Sussane's YOO, and the signature silver of Adarsh Gill's collection virtually infuses an elevating feeling. I genuinely believe that class doesn't lie in one's money chest, aesthetics and taste does. And TIHG knows it better!

Rajneesh Batra, New Delhi

Access to Knowledge

An interior and home décor magazine is not only about homes and interiors, I believe. It's also about architects and interior designers. As a student of architecture, I am keen on seeing articles and drawings by top notch designers. A profile is more apt, as it will provide details and information to students who aspire to become top professionals some day. A lot of rich information about homes, gardens, garden landscaping can be shared by these professionals. Also, tips and ideas on how to spruce up your homes are their specialty. Our country has talent in abundance. So, please make a beginning and take the opportunity to tap this beautiful resource to enrich the knowledge of your beloved readers.

Harvinder Ahluwalia, Jalandar

Woman Power

It is never easy being the wife of a superstar, but Gauri Khan is a rare exception. Her new workspace talks volumes about her design, style and artistic sense. Being the woman behind Shah Rukh Khan's success story, she certainly has not lost her own identity. In fact, she is growing to be a big name in Mumbai's art and design space. While I always confined ethnicity to clothes, your superb ideas on how to display ethnicity even in homeware made me change my mind for good.

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Eco Twist

Mumbai-based start-up, 21fools.com looks to create meaningful products for a better world. The idea is greeting cards paper that can transform into plants.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza
Images: Stuti Sakhalkar Dasgupta

If you are an eco-warrior at heart and want to really make a difference, here's a big green idea for you, friends or home. Mumbai start-up and greeting card company, 21fools successfully introduced a product known as seed paper, from which their cards are made. These moistened sheets, when potted and watered, as you would for any other green pots about the home, will bloom into a gorgeous plant. Now Founder Fool & CEO Divyanshu Asopa has extended the product range to include coasters, bookmarks, door hangers, promotional material, gifts packaging, stationery. A good response has also led to them taking on bulk orders from large scale organizations and corporate companies. As for the price range, it may vary, depending on the number of colours used in printing and the quantity placed. For more details, visit www.21fools.com.

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Aiming High

The Global Green Summit was conducted on May 15, 2015 at the Taj Palace, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi. The idea was to bring a green revolution. The summit allows the participants an opportunity to reach out to prospective stakeholders and share a vision for a sustainable India.

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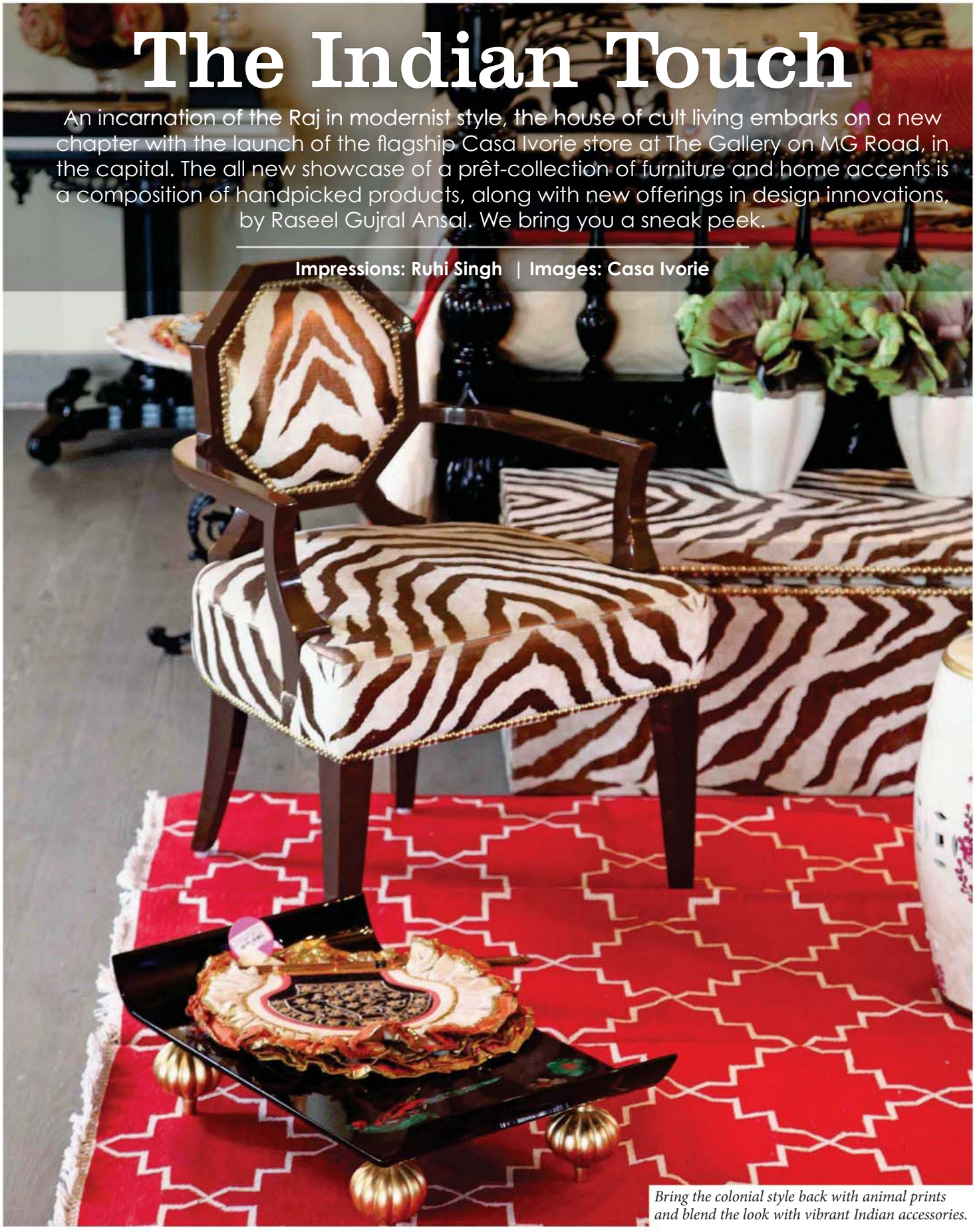
The Indian Touch

An incarnation of the Raj in modernist style, the house of cult living embarks on a new chapter with the launch of the flagship Casa Ivorie store at The Gallery on MG Road, in the capital. The all new showcase of a prêt-collection of furniture and home accents is a composition of handpicked products, along with new offerings in design innovations, by Raseel Gujral Ansal. We bring you a sneak peek.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Casa Ivorie



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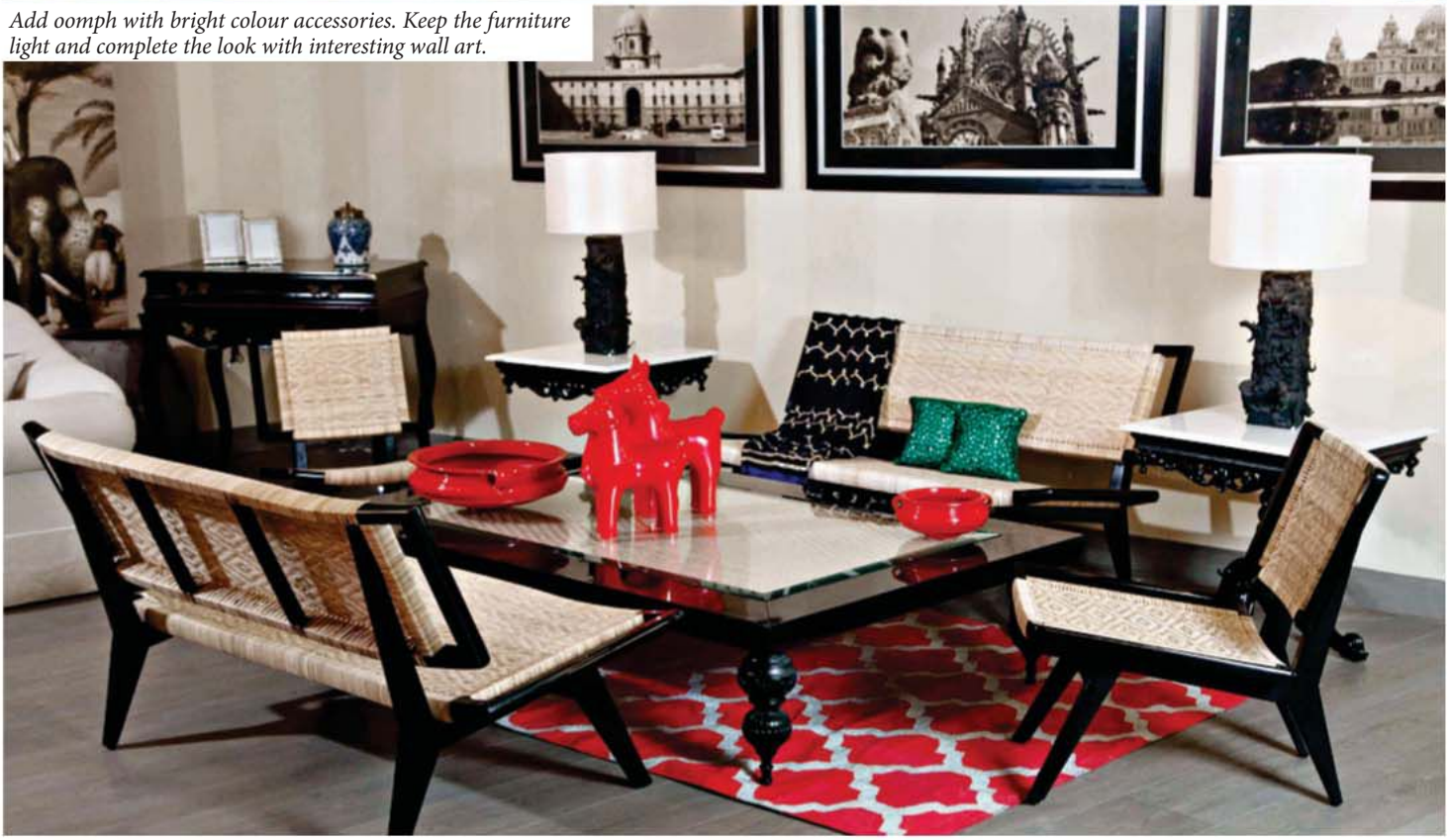

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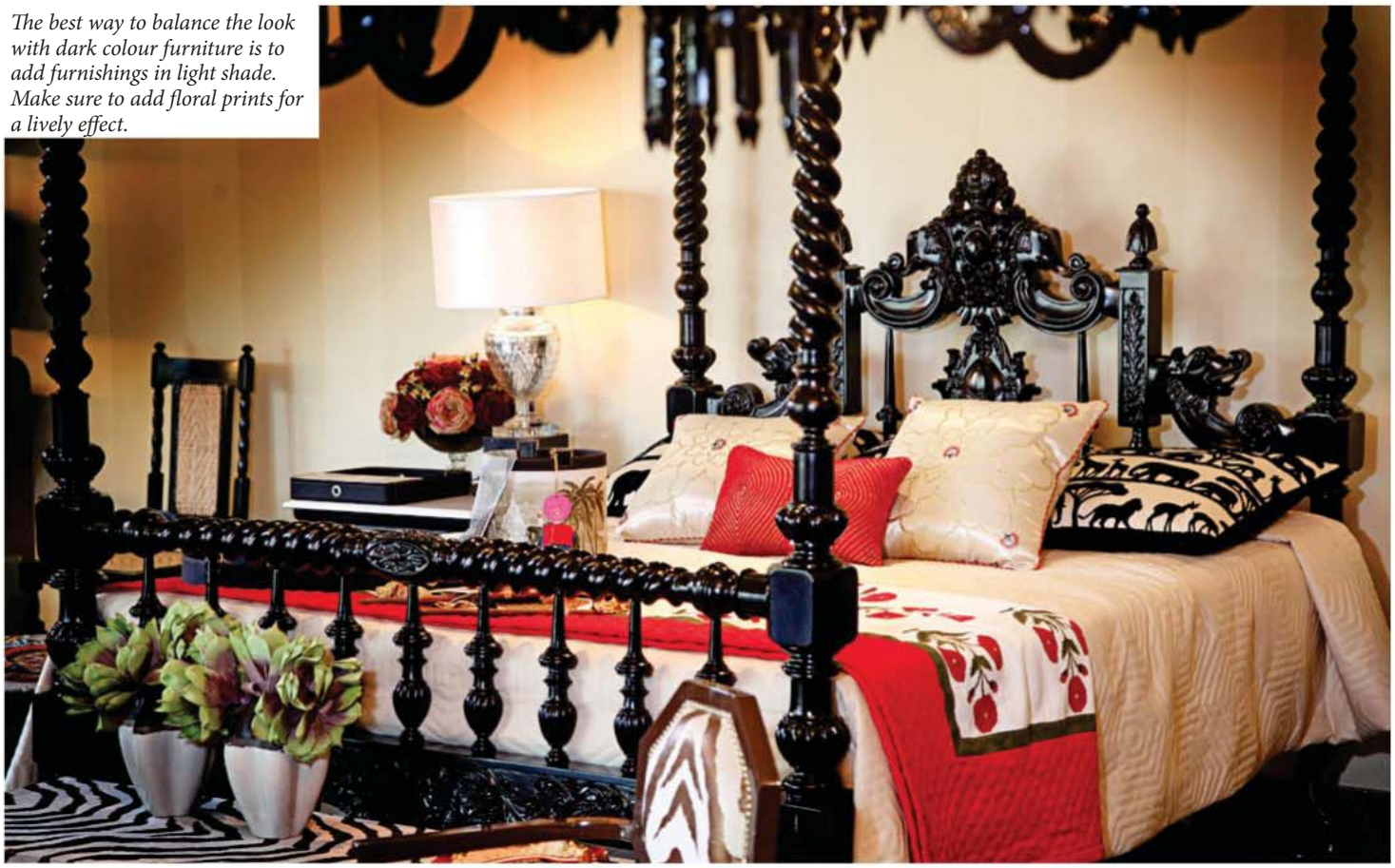
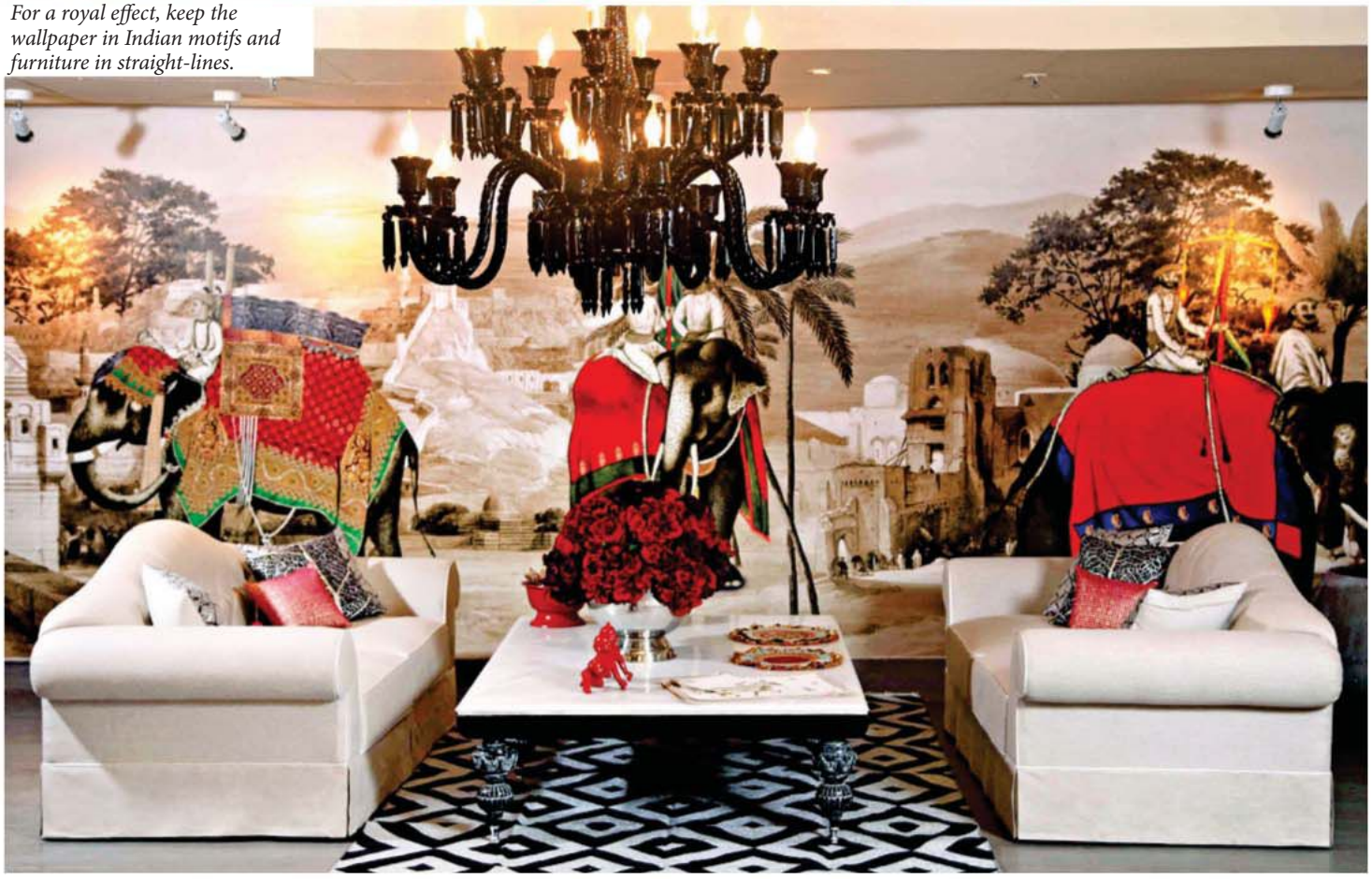


For a royal effect, keep the wallpaper in Indian motifs and furniture in straight-lines.



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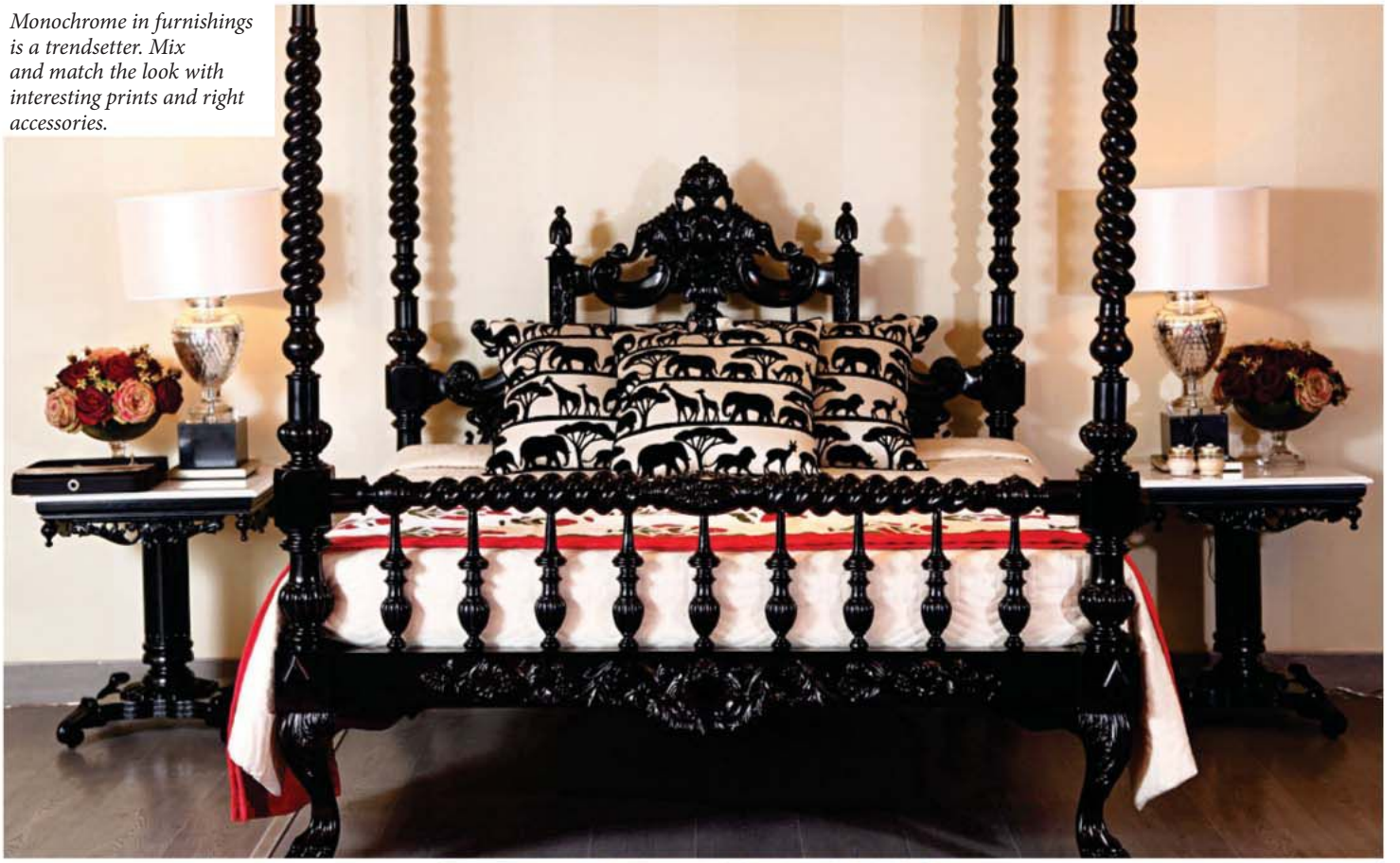

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Impressions: Keshia D'Souza

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1. Raja Ganesha, ₹11,775, **Episode**
2. Dream of Utopia glass mug, ₹599, **India Circus**
3. Ombre purple vase, ₹5,090, **Address Home**
4. Darashikoh collection, ₹3,950, **Ishatvam**
5. Candle stick red (400mm), ₹13,605, **InV Home**
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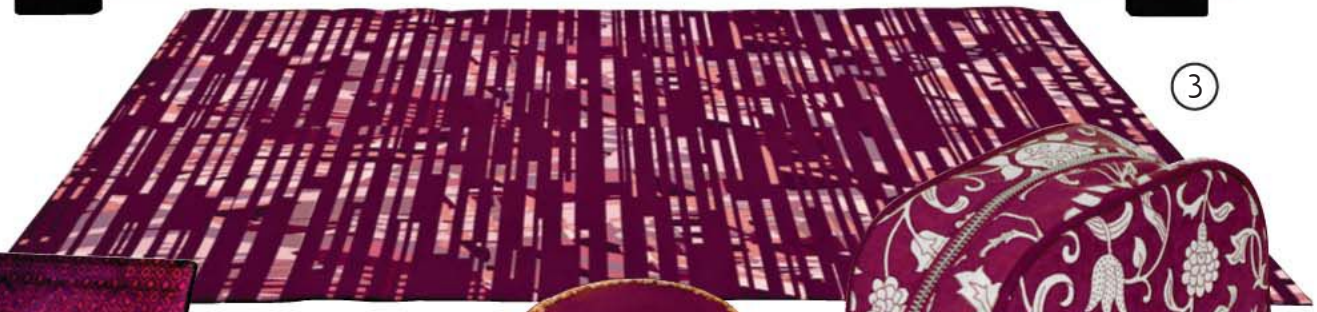

1. Udaipur cherry chaise, ₹46,900, **gulmoharlane.com**
2. Tee Light Holder Lakshmi Charan, ₹17,000, **Frazer and Haws**
3. Matchstick Carpet, price on request, **SPACES Home & Beyond**
4. Shaving Kit, ₹375, **Ratan Jaipur**
5. Batik, price on request, **Cocoon Fine Rugs**
6. Coaster, ₹4,700, **Frazer and Haws**
7. Singing Peacock Photoframe, ₹799, **India Circus**

The Big Shopping Guide

A round-up of all the latest in furnishings & furniture to sort your home needs.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh & Keshia D'Souza

SIDE TABLES

▼ High gloss finish side table, ₹60,000, **Beyond Designs**

► Side table with lamp, ₹39,000, **Anemos**

◄ Donald table, price on request, **visionnaire-home.com**

▲ Side table with storage, ₹4,200, **Livspace**

▲ **Balancing boxes** from Porro, price on request, **Etre Luxe**

▲ Flinder's nested stool teak finish, ₹4,999, **Urban Ladder**

► Louis XIV style side table by Jonathan Charles, ₹2,06,658, **International Furniture Brands**

ACCENT CHAIRS

◀ Red couch, ₹48,000, **One & Only**

▲ Chair from Asnaghi, price on request, **Etre Luxe**

▶ Oasis Haylie lounge Chair, ₹14,499, **FabFurnish**

◀ Aircell armchair by Sacha Lakic, ₹1,53,799, **Roche Bobois**

▲ Cayanne chair, price on request, **The Furniture Republic**

▶ Art and easy chair, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home**

UPHOLSTERED BEDS

► Perkins bed, price on request, **visionnaire-home.com**

▼ Profile bed, price on request, **Roche Bobois**

▼ Vicenza king bed, ₹27,900, **The Furniture Republic**

▼ Arabesque bed king from Baker, price on request, **International Furniture Brands**

▼ Wood and leather bed, ₹70,500, **Livspace**

COMFY COUCHES

▲ Sofa by Asnaghi, price on request, **Etre Luxe**

▲ Classical style two seater sofa, starts from ₹70,000, **The Great Eastern Home**

▼ Sofa, ₹35,183, **Livspace**

▲ Atmos sofa, price on request, **Roche Bobois**

▲ Medanos L sectiona leather sofa, ₹1,65,000, **The Furniture Republic**

▲ Berry Sofa, price on request, **visionnaire-home.com**

▲ Two seater sofa, price on request, **Urban Ladder**

▲ L sectional sofa, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home**

◀ Morris Sofa, ₹28,900, **Gulmoharlane.com**

MEDIA UNITS

► Mclaren TV unit, ₹12,999, **Urban Ladder**

▼ Media unit, price on request, **Grandeur Interiors**

▼ Odilia media unit, price on request, **The Furniture Republic**

▼ Burmese Colonial TV uint and storage, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home**

▼ Media unit, starts from ₹1,50,000, **Bleu Concepts**

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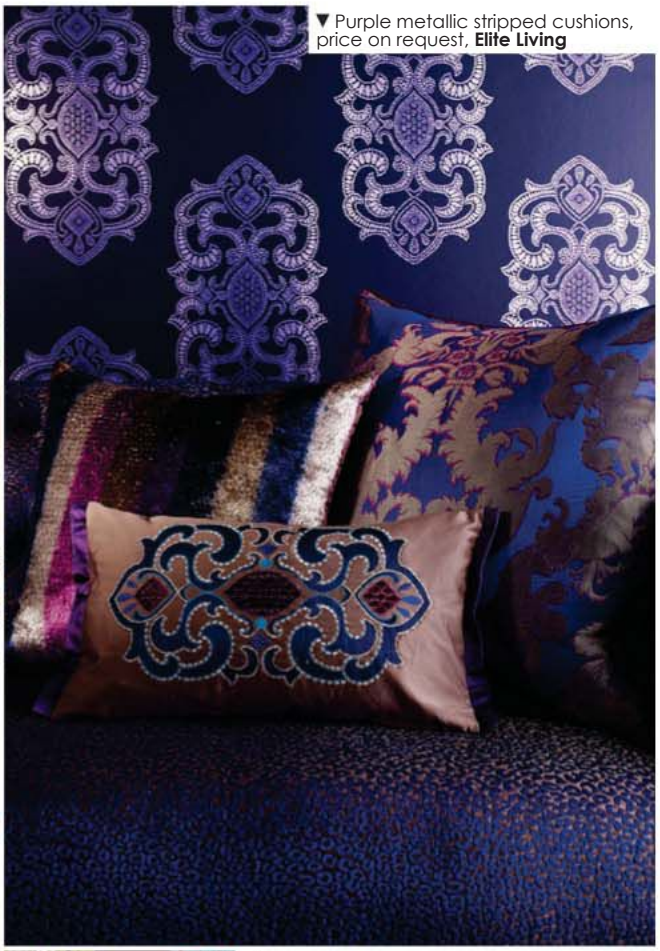
▼ Block printed double bed linen (set of 2), ₹1,705, **fashionandyou.com**



▼ Purple metallic stripped cushions, price on request, **Elite Living**

▲ Pink striped wingback armchair, ₹28,900, **gulmoharlane.com**

▼ Seville row, damask stripe heavy jacquard, ₹1,460 per m., **Apostrophe - Silk Furnishings**

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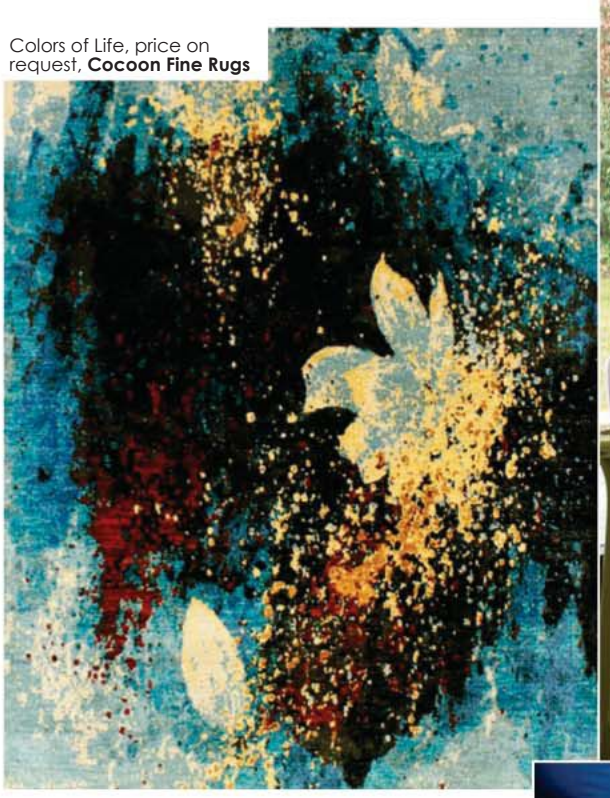


Colors of Life, price on request, **Cocoon Fine Rugs**

Zynna Strada, price on request, **Zynna**

Zeba Red, price on request, **The Rug Republic**

Floral cushion covers, ₹599, **India Circus**

Japanese blossom flower embroidered fabric on faux dupioni, ₹900 per m, **Apostrophe-Silk Furnishings**

SOFT LUXURY

Champagne Collection, ₹900 onwards, **RUMORS Fine Furnishings**

Vintage Pioneer Collection, Bed Cover, and pillow cover, ₹2,199, **Maspar**

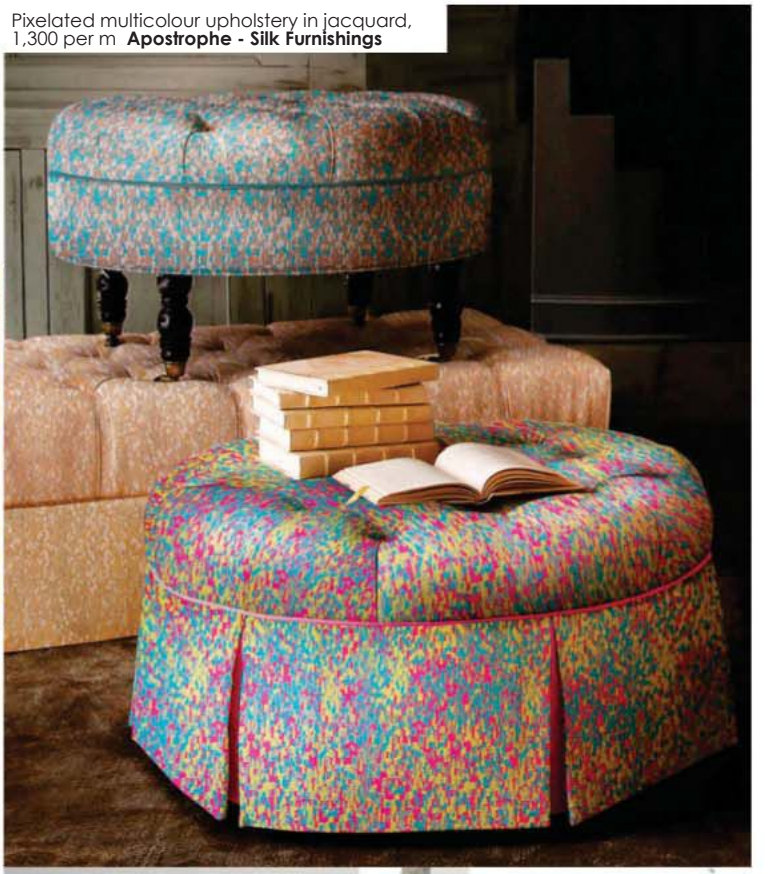
Zynna Infinity in Brown, price on request, **Zynna**

▲ Two-seater contemporary sofa, price on request, **The Great Eastern Home**

◀ Hand embroided cushion, price on request, **Address Home**

QUIRKY DESIGNS

Pixelated multicolour upholstery in jacquard, 1,300 per m **Apostrophe - Silk Furnishings**



Rainforest bird cushion covers, ₹1,050, **Contemporary Arts and Crafts**

▲ Toadster Single Sofa, ₹89,700, **Portside Cafe**

▲ Handloom cotton with embroidery and applique work cushin covers, ₹695, **India August**

► Nandi Patta, price on request, **No-Mad**

MONOCHROMES

Zynna Slowtime in off white & grey, price on request, **Zynna**

Metallic cushion covers, price on request, **Elite Living**

Zynna Atelier in beige and off white/ price on request, **Zynna**

▲ Neutral compact lounge chair, ₹32,000 (fabric extra), **Trancefome**

▼ Pouf, ₹ 6,500, **Home Stop**

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Impressions: Ruhi Singh

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Philips AC4072 Air Purifier comes with four-step LED indicators showing air quality level and advanced filtration system. The delivery rate for clean air is 320 cubic meter per hour. Ideal for an area of 592 sq ft. Price: ₹28,995

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Impressions: Keshia D'Souza

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Impressions: Keshia D'Souza

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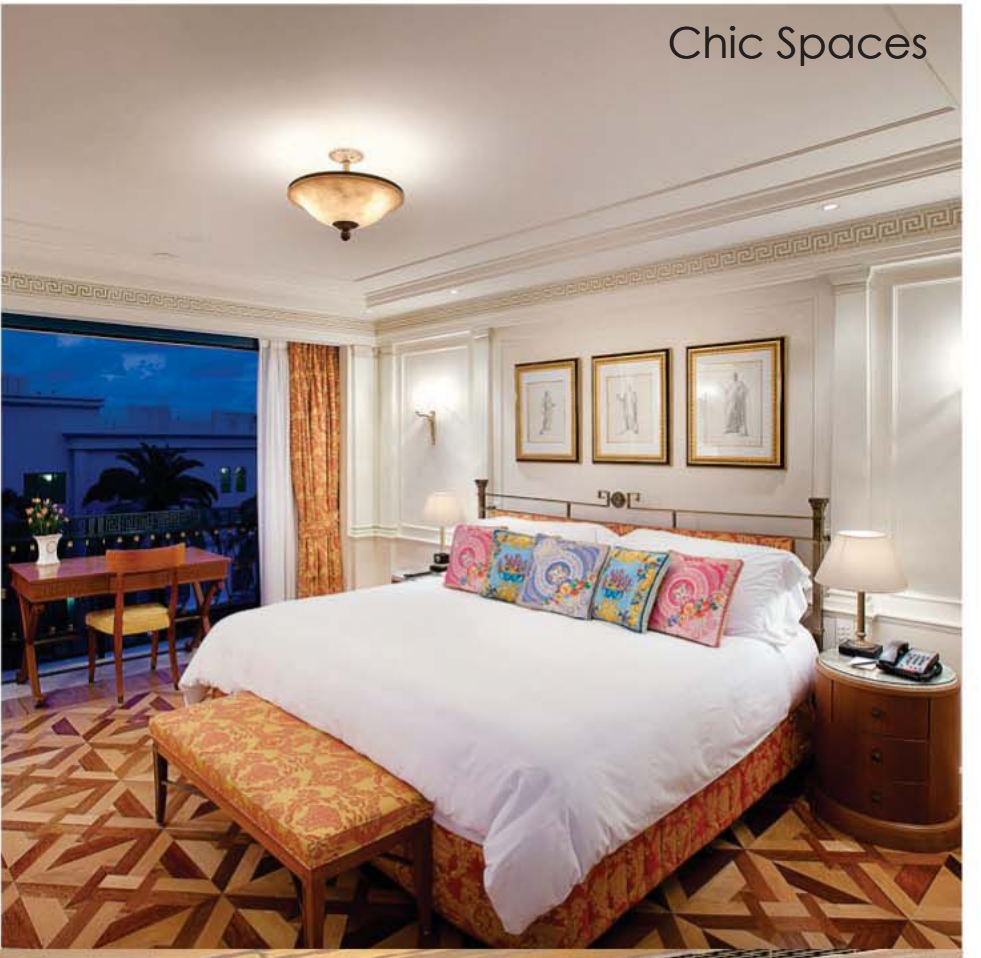
Fashionable Living

Take a tour of some of the world's most stylish hotel spaces designed by the who's who from the world of fashion.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

One&Only Hayman Island, Australia

Designed by the acclaimed fashion designer, Diane von Furstenberg, the One & Only Hayman Penthouses are bold and striking and feature a spacious lounge and dining area, large balcony, two bedrooms and two bathrooms each with separate shower, bath and double vanity.



Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast, Australia

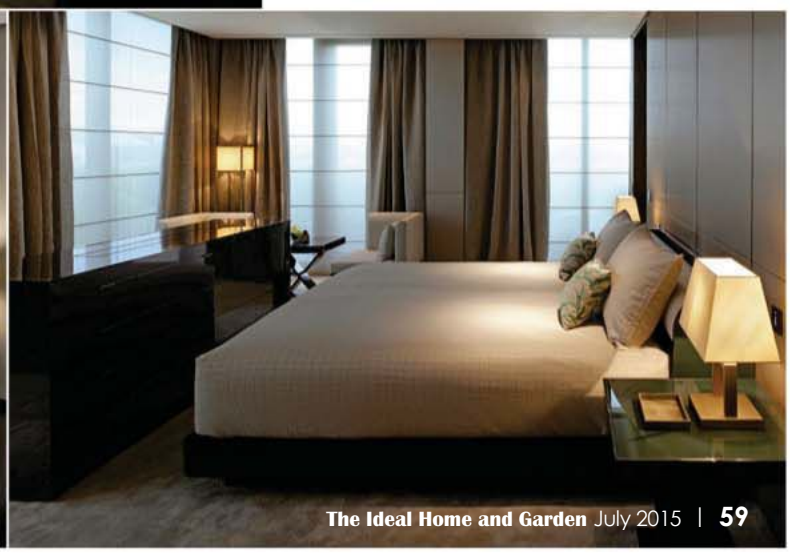
The creation of the world's first branded hotel reflects the synergy of perception uniting the distinctive vision of Gianni Versace and the Sunland Group. In a spectacular waterfront setting, every aspect of architecture, ambience, furnishings and ornamentation, reflect a level of opulence once confined to the grand hotels of Europe.

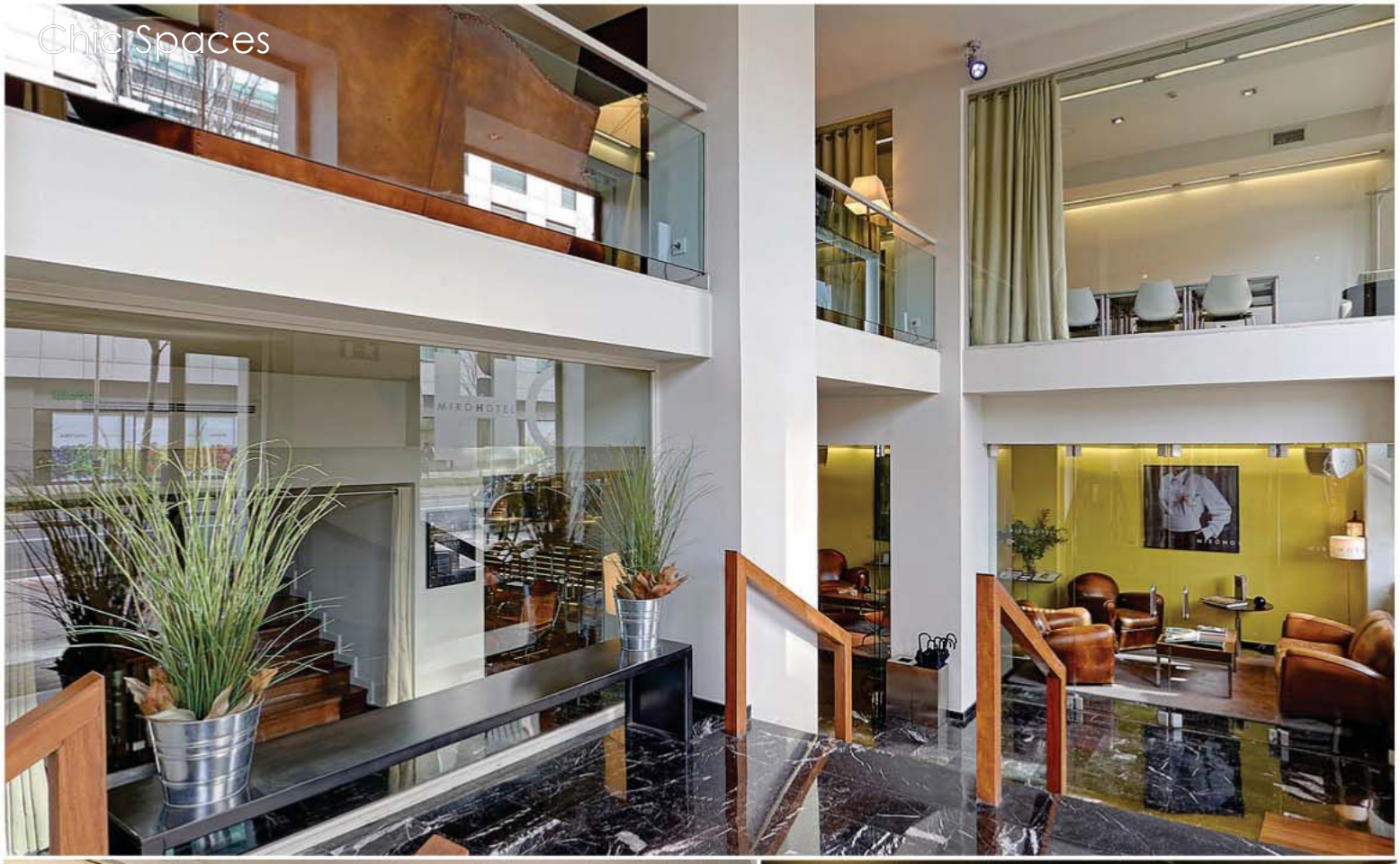
Armani Hotel, Dubai

Soaring high above downtown Dubai, the iconic Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest tower, is home to the exclusive Armani Hotel, Dubai. The first hotel designed by Giorgio Armani, in collaboration with leading property developer Emaar Properties PJSC, in Burj Khalifa, is offering visitors to Dubai an unprecedented choice of luxurious indulgence in elegant settings. Every aspect of the hotel's design and service offerings has been designed and planned by Giorgio Armani himself, from the bespoke furnishings to restaurant menus and in-room amenities. Practicality and elegance, the cornerstones of Armani's signature style, combine with precious materials and sophisticated finishes to create a highly personalised space.

Armani Hotel, Milano

The Armani style and philosophy defines every detail of the 95 guestrooms and suites. Each and evey element has been personally designed by Giorgio Armani and chosen for sculptural, aesthetics and sensual qualities.





Courtesy: Design Hotels

Hotel Miro, Bilbao

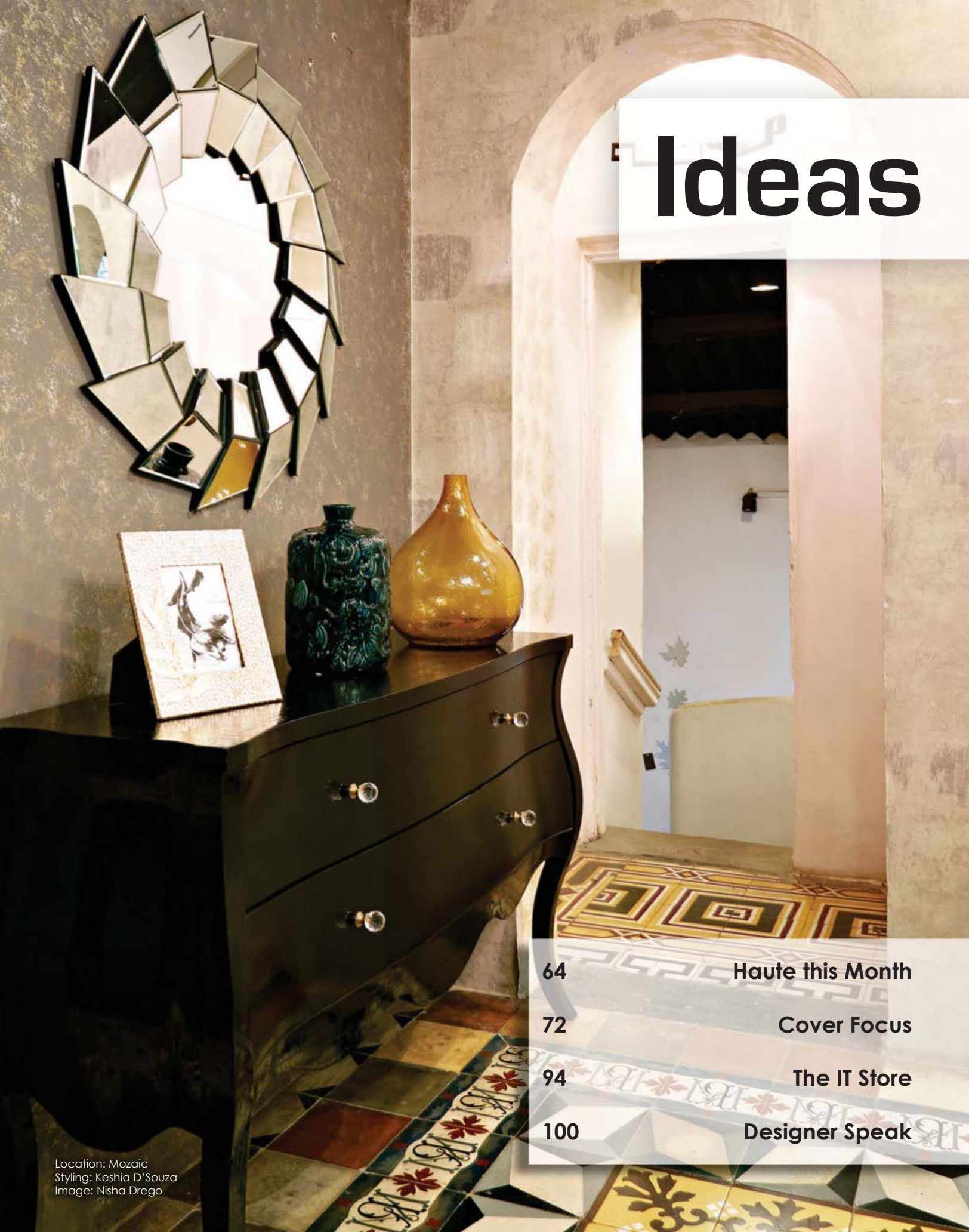
Chic, contemporary decor and a cosmopolitan ambience mixed with world-class amenities are evident in Hotel Miro's 50 rooms. Located on Bilbao's Golden Mile, the hotel has been done by Barcelona fashion designer Antonio Miro.The rooms feature a neutral tone and are a refuge for the senses in a pleasant, intimate setting.

Round Hill Hotels & Resorts

Impeccably designed by Ralph Lauren to evoke a crisp, clean Caribbean ambience, the oceanfront rooms at Round Hill Hotel and Villas are as stunning as they are comfortable. Cool white-stone floors, romantic four-poster mahogany beds and sumptuous, upholstered furniture from the designer's Home Collection ensure every guest's comfort. Spacious bathrooms featuring deep soaking tubs, freestanding rain showers and double vanities add an extra level of luxury. The upper-level ocean view rooms have towering cathedral ceilings and large, louvered windows that fold back to expose the turquoise sea, while the lower level patio rooms feature quaint, secluded patios that make a perfect spot for morning coffee.

Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences, London

Created by acclaimed Indian designer Sabyasachi Mukherjee, Cinema Suite in Taj 51 Buckingham Gate Suites and Residences, London is inspired most notably by 1940s and 1950s Hollywood as well as the Indian Cinema era of the 1950s. Guests will find reference to masters such as Satyajit Ray, Francis Ford Coppola and Bergman in the imposing study, world cinema leaders like Majidi, Wong Kar-Wai and Almodovar amongst the cultured kitch of the living room and echoes of The Stepford Wives in the kitchen. They will sense the golden Hollywood era of Rita Hayworth and Marilyn Monroe in one bedroom whilst the other draws on colonial inspiration and renowned Indian artists such as Guru Dutt, Merchant Ivory and Bimal Roy. From the leather chesterfield to precious glassware, intriguing art and antique rugs, world arts and crafts are displayed throughout. Each wall is a work of art in itself, with striking Nina Campbell wallpapers in burnt orange, black and red, laden with curios collected from over 32 different cultures.



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Location: Mozaic
Styling: Keshia D'Souza
Image: Nisha Drego

Style Inspirations

If there is one thing you do at home this month, make sure you jazz up your space with a themed decor. Taking inspiration from our in-house expert, we've put together three distinct decor looks. Take a look!

Styling: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Nisha Drego

Teakwood with rose trim art deco chest of drawers, ₹38,000; glass etched candle holders, ₹4,000 for a pair; Teakwood art deco floor lamp with brass and mirrored table, ₹22,00; Teakwood nest of tables, ₹12,000 for set of three; Chrome tableclock, ₹8,000; Glass etched chimney light with brass fittings, ₹20,000. All available at **Camelot.**

Location: **Camelot.**

Teakwood plantation chair with rattan, ₹24,000 each; Kerala camphor wood chest with brass, ₹30,000; Teakwood billiards bench with rattan, ₹70,000. All available at **Camelot.**

Location: **Camelot.**

Ethnic or colonial style is a popular fashion in many Indian homes, and this works best when all your decor elements are in complete symmetry.

No Bohemian-chic décor is complete without a play of patterns-on-patterns. Make yours appear more dramatic with a backdrop of banded tiles or wallpaper.

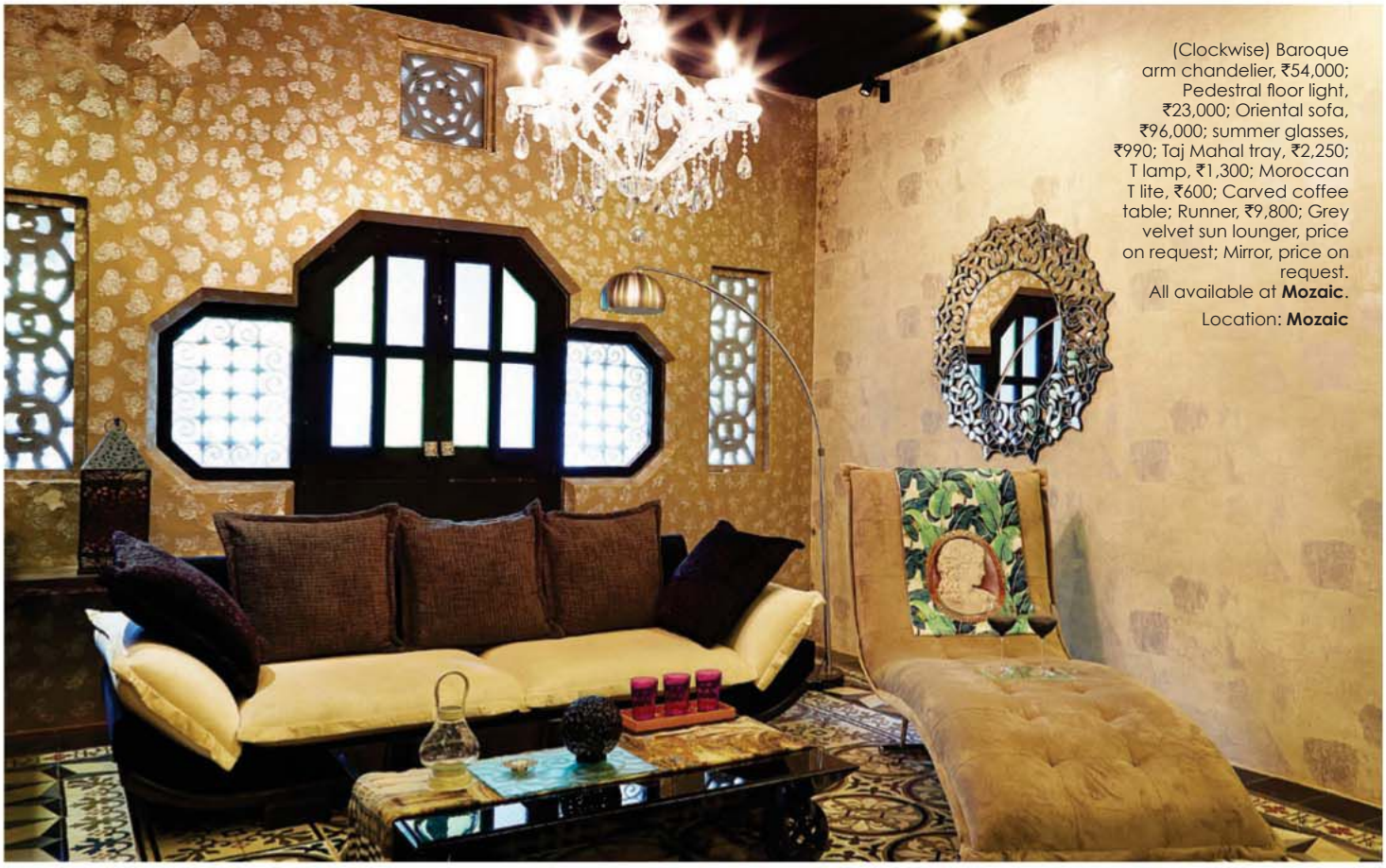
(Clockwise) Buddha on brass plate, ₹25,200; Buddha paintings, ₹14,000 for each; wall art effect @ ₹400 per sq. ft; Cruz chair, ₹19,000; antique gold work on velvet, ₹4,200; Chinese screen, ₹14,500; Buddha (in front), ₹9,500; Porcelain Buddha,₹18,200. All available at **Mozaic**.

Location: **Mozaic.**

Lend a travelled-and-collected feel in a Bohemian-inspired setting with a trunk-style coffee table.

(Clockwise) Louise chair, ₹60,000 including leather; leather knics-n- knack trunk, ₹10,600; amber vase T lite, ₹1,200. All available at **Mozaic**.

Location: **Mozaic.**



(Clockwise) Baroque arm chandelier, ₹54,000; Pedestral floor light, ₹23,000; Oriental sofa, ₹96,000; summer glasses, ₹990; Taj Mahal tray, ₹2,250; T lamp, ₹1,300; Moroccan T lite, ₹600; Carved coffee table; Runner, ₹9,800; Grey velvet sun lounger, price on request; Mirror, price on request.
All available at **Mozaic**.

Location: **Mozaic**

(Clockwise) Turin console, ₹24,000; glass heads, ₹15,000; Turin mirror, ₹49,000; Ceramic chandelier, ₹84, 375; Hanging clock, ₹3,950, Ruby chair, ₹37,000; Runner, ₹3,500; Cushions, ₹1,850 - ₹3,600; Sofa, ₹96,000; Figurine, ₹11,200; Venetian wine glasses, ₹3,960, Moroccan tray, ₹3,150; Conch, ₹13,500; Taj Mahal T-lite, ₹2,950
All available at **Mozaic**.

Location: **Mozaic**

(Clockwise) Izmir wallpaper, price on request; painting on rice paper, ₹1,10,000; Pyramid mirror, ₹39,000; Turin unit, ₹1,50,000; Ceramic Floret vases, ₹4, 710; Jade lions, ₹47,000; Murra bottles, ₹2,990-₹3,450. All available at **Mozaic.**

Location: Mozaic

(Clockwise) Retro bedside table, ₹29,000; Hour glass T lamp, ₹13,000; Maharaja cushions, ₹3,000; Chester fielding headboard, ₹59,000; Lara set of tables, ₹4,750; Ringlet photoframe, 3,000; Antique pedestral, ₹22,400; Madhubala cushion, ₹3,900; Sofa, ₹64,000; Silk runner, ₹4,750; Eco quilt, ₹12,000. All available at **Mozaic**.

Location: **Mozaic**

Go contemporary by playing with bright and colourful furnishings and accessories. The golden rule of this décor look is comfort, comfort, comfort!

Hurricanes in triangle pattern-tall, ₹13,500/short ₹11,700; Steel & leather table clock, ₹9,900; Seville quilted bedspread, ₹18,000; Seville cushion covers, ₹2,250-₹4,000; Cube-dull gold weave, ₹11,700; Cube-Hera pattern Taupe, ₹9,900; Patra platter, ₹7,200; Decorative driftwood pieces, ₹1,170 pack; Brass and glass candle holder, ₹3,600; Pillar Candles ranging from ₹350 up to ₹630; Corner bookend in wood, ₹2,700 pair; Andrew Martin Benedict side table, ₹45,000; Ellipse table lamp with shade, ₹23,240; Camera bookend, ₹7,500 pair; Berry spray Green/Red, ₹2,610 per stem; Clear glass tall vase, ₹6,030. All available at **Apartment 9**.

Location: **Apartment 9.**

Follow contemporary by lending style to your passageway or window corner with a set-up that has a specific spot for every furniture and decor piece.

(Clockwise) Tripod floor lamp in shiny nickel, ₹72,000, Lizzo fabric for curtains Loza colour, ₹13,525 per m.; Andrew Martin Triton chair, ₹95,000; Asaka cushion cover; ₹4,500 (in the foreground) Andrew Martin Trio coffee table (set of 3),₹54,000; Clock-Globe world timer, ₹40,500; Lantern table lamp, ₹30,600; Peg table (background), ₹9,900; Cordyline red plant, ₹16,200. All available at **Apartment 9.**

Location: **Apartment 9**

The Furnished Guide

See the patterns, motifs and colours in furnishings that are likely to have you wooed you in the season ahead.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Mix & Match

- Break the monotony and highlight the interiors with special designs and colours.
- Use of bright dynamic and bold colours with unusual patterns and motifs are in. The trend has shifted to mix and match.

— **Nakul Khandelwal**, Managing Director, F&F.

Textured Variety

- The season will witness trends in a monochrome colour palette, metallic colour options and various textured finishes.
- One can also go for an industrial look when it comes to wallpaper. This will give a rustic but fresh look.

—**Emma Clarke,**
Creative Director, Clarke & Clarke

Soothing Palette

- Go for colours that soothe your senses and fabrics that are healthy.
- The current trend sees a harmonic amalgamation of glamour and fashion with delicately designed patterns and motifs.

—**Arun Garg**,
President, Maishaa

Colour Meltdown

- The luxurious look comes infused with exhilarating colours and special fabrics.
- The dominating colour trends to achieve this look are blueberry, raspberry, blackberry, forest green and saffron.
- You can opt for fabrics like silk velvet, washed chenille plush loop, viscose, cotton and polyester jacquard velvet, silk and shiny materials to achieve the look.

—Nisha Sahai Chauhan,
Owner & Designer, In Joy

Bold Beauty

- The year will see a diversity in colours like we haven't seen in ages. Try pairing jewel tones of azure and coral paired with pale gold and silver or rich grape with stone to create new spaces or bright shades with grey, taupe and sand to get the perfect accent colour in the space.

- Large-scale florals, bold digital prints, metallic and eco-friendly fabrics will be in vogue. Patterns on muted grounds will still stay an evergreen option. Have fun mixing and matching patterns to create a more personalised home style and to stimulate the senses.

—**Ramachandra Shastry**,
Director, RUMORS Fine Furnishings

Naturally Chic

- When it comes to bed linens, natural fabric is the best option. The coming season could also see wrinkled fabric; one can also opt for 100 per cent cotton for bedsets.
- One can keep the curtains in neutral colours with accents of neon or marsala. For bedsets, it is advisable to go for cream, grays and whites for that touch and feel.
- Florals are doing pretty well in prints. One can also see mix and match or a blend of two designs in vogue.

—**Nirav Meswani,**
Director, Surprise Home Linen

Flower Power

- The trend will see opulence and colours making its way. Though Indian customers are not too keen when it comes to bright colours, one can opt for subtle shades as the base with a hint of bright colours for balance.
- Florals have made a new trend in furnishings, mixing of designs to achieve new patterns are also warmly accepted by customers.

—**Reetesh Sharma,**
Owner, Zynna

Fun with Prints

- For interior enthusiasts, the exquisite and detailed handwork will always be in vogue.
- Go for coral shades for novelty in look. Geometrical patterns in soft furnishings are too much in vogue this year.

—Sarita Handa,
Founder and Creative Head,
Sarita Handa

Cross Texture

- Urbanised structures and cross breeding of textures are in this season. Checks and stripes in a raised wave pattern can be opted for a modern look.

- Opt for the unusual with colours and choose neutral gray for a reliable base coordinated with daring tile blue, acid yellow, farm green and hosta pink.

—**Abhinav Mahajan**, Director-Retail, Maspar

Solid Style

- Solid colours mixed and matched with printed fabrics are going to dominate this season. The concept of a coordinated look will be the trend that will be seen in most houses.

- The colours that are going to be in-vogue this season are solids, ivory, yellow-gold and ash grey.

- A light to dark design trend will be running the home fashion space to celebrate festivity. For gorgeous effect, add pretty pops of bold colours.

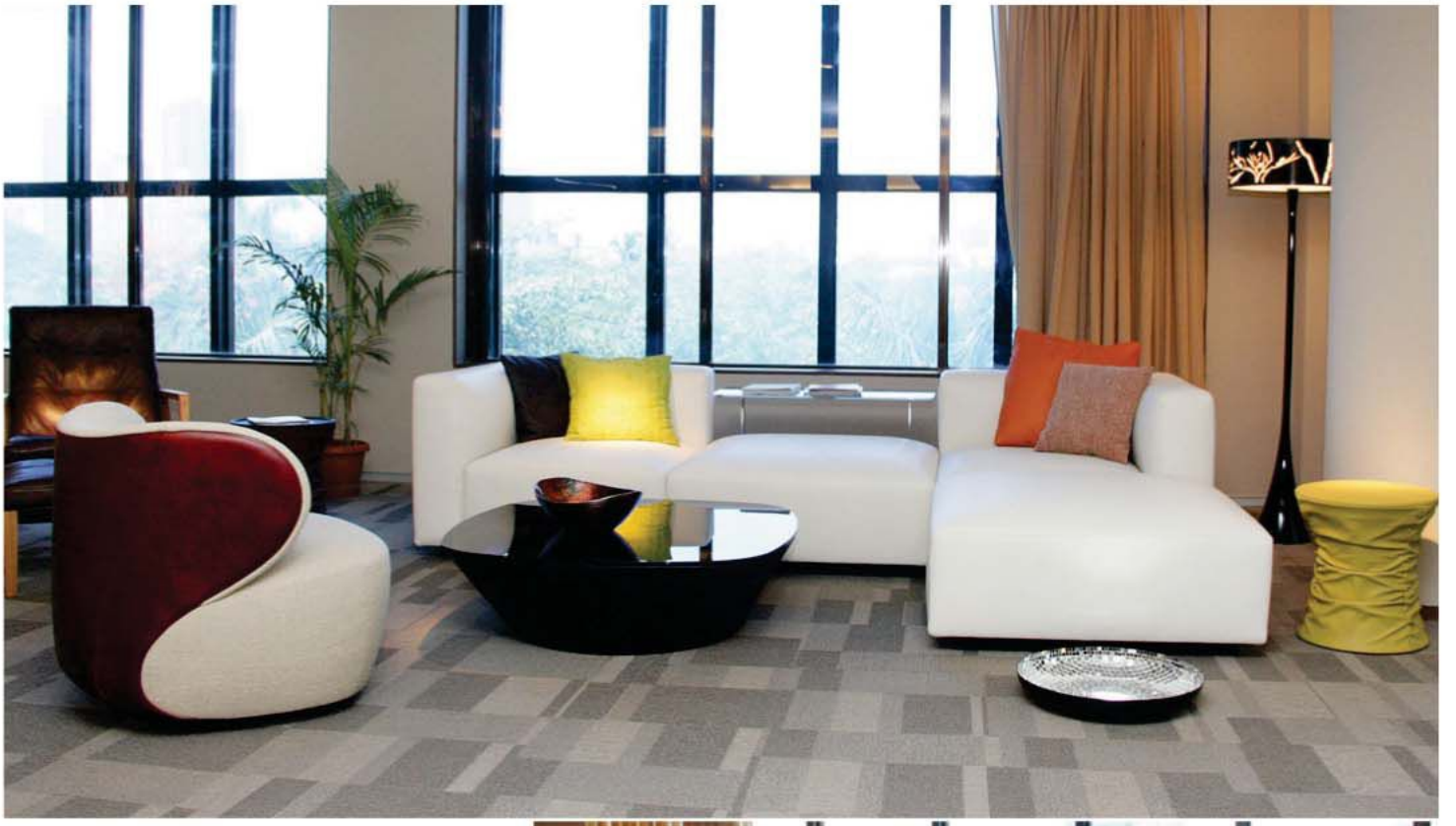
—Dipali Goenka,
Executive Director,
Welspun India Limited; and Managing Director, Welspun Global Brands Limited

—With inputs from Benoy Sebastian

Form & Function

Our design experts travel the world to seek inspirations for creating furniture that is less-mass produced and more quality. Look no further for trend spotting takes in furniture design from leading designers and brands in India.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza



Space Savers

- While we jostle for space every day, our homes are the only place that allows us to unwind. But we always find that the furniture takes up the most space in our homes. In this day and age of space deprivation, D&M bring you furniture that uses space efficiently and allows more space to your abode.

- Furniture that stores your things, conceals itself and only reveals when you want it to! This brings more character and storage space to your home.

—**Gitesh Agarwal**,
Executive Director, D&M India

Modern Contemporary

- Furniture in 2015 is moving heavily towards modern and contemporary pieces with a focus of earthy tones and natural materials. Our latest collection, now at the store, is organic and sculptural this time around. It is an exploration in form, material and finish.
- There has been a definitive shift from colonial/ethnic to modern, contemporary and organic. Go for anything that speaks a personality. Design has become an expression from personal to space.

—**Karishma Bajaj,**
Founding Partner, Red Blue & Yellow

Straight Design

- Trends change and so does design. Yet straight line furniture continues to be a hot-seller and contemporary modern designs are the 'in thing' this season.
- Design is something which is very personal and rightly so. The furniture piece might be an expression of your personality or an extension of what you are. You can get good design by looking for something which makes you comfortable and content.

—**Ankur Shingal**, Managing Partner, ANSAVV

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Bedroom Drama

Nirav Meswani puts together five exclusive looks to show you the best ways to get the season's hottest furnishing trends home.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Nisha Drego

Location: Surprise Home Linen, Kemps Corner, Mumbai

Printed floral cotton cushions in cotton, ₹595 (top wooden niche); ₹695 (edge of the bed); Printed floral cushion in cotton with chiffon flower applique (on middle niche and bed) ₹795 per piece; Pink foil print on Jute, ₹850; Plain pintucks in various shades, ₹250-₹575; Grey quilted cover in art silk , ₹7,600; White blue and lavender jaquard bedcover by Revert, ₹15,995; Ombre blanket in supersoft acrylic , ₹2,195. All available at **Surprise Home Linen**.

Location: **Surprise Home Linen.**

Nirav Meswani,
Group Director,
Surprise Home Linen

Maishaa bedsheet set, ₹44,595; Big purple cushion pintucked in silk, ₹575; Purple cushion with pearls and beads on silk hand embroidered, ₹1,100; Purple cushion with silver foil print with hand embroidered silver sequins on silk, ₹750; Long purple cushion in silk with silver mirrored beads in chevron pattern, ₹1,850; Champagne gold sequinned cushion, ₹700; Handmade rosettes on a silk cushion, ₹775; Small gold cushion with corner petit pompoms, ₹450; Dull gold brocade cushion ₹525; Splash handtufted rug in silk, ₹11,500; Bed-end bench with chesterfield style buttoned detailing in velvet, ₹39,000 All available at **Surprise Home Linen**.

Location: **Surprise Home Linen**.

This season's hottest trend in bed furnishings sees grey velvets blended with metallic overtones for a glammed-up glow.

Big grey cushion in art silk (back of the bed), ₹725; Grey velvet cushions with champagne gold and silver cord embroidery, ₹1,250 per piece; Antique silver foil on a natural coloured jute cushion with a petit pompom border, ₹1,250; Butterfly foil print on silk cushions in summer green, ₹825; Grey Art silk quilted bedcover, ₹6,500. All available at **Surprise Home Linen**.

Location: **Surprise Home Linen**.

Go dramatic for a white or an off-white-toned look with a tasteful presentation in gold foil, retro-inspired sequinned finish or pearl-like accents.

Big white cushion in velvet with gold crystal waves ₹1,800; Gold foil print on plush gold velvet, ₹750; White cushion with gold foil print with antique gold sequins on silk, ₹750; Scattered pearls on gold tissue, ₹2,375 per piece; Versace-inspired set of bed runner and cushions in gold crystals on white velvet, ₹5,800; Raw silk ecru bedcover, ₹13,500; Gold cushion pintucked in art silk, ₹575. All available at **Surprise Home Linen.**

Location: **Surprise Home Linen.**

Brighten up your bedroom with pretty button-finishes and small block prints that bring home a Spanish flair.

For a comfy, lived-in appeal, that is high on pure cotton, go for a back-to-the-basic style that lends more with well-placed accents.

Bed sheet set in pure high quality cotton by Bassols(exclusively at Surprise Home Linen), ₹6,995; Duvet cover by Bassols, ₹9,400; Pink cushion in taffeta silk, ₹600; Grey cushion in art silk, ₹300; Handmade roses in a pink striper felt on a felt cushion, ₹750. All available at **Surprise Home Linen**.

Location: **Surprise Home Linen.**

Statement Seating

Comfort and style come together beautifully in these modern chairs crafted by design masters from around the world.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

Cappellini

The Felt Peacock Chair by Dror Bershetrit uses folding as the primary construction method. His work focuses primarily on bringing poetry to the necessary functionality of materials, drawing from a sophisticated artistic sensibility and extensive experience in industrial engineering. The chair features three layers of felt that are precisely folded on to a simple metal frame.

Cappellini

Easy to transport and store when not in use, the Stitch Chair by Adam Goodrum, is a colourful statement piece that includes swatches of red, black, yellow, blue and grey. Manufactured with an aluminum plate; the chair is lacquered with glossy finish for extra shine.

Cappellini

Jasper Morrison's Thinking Man's Chair was first presented by Zeev Aram in 1987, where it was spotted by Giulio Cappellini, who agreed to manufacture it. An easy chair in lacquered metal, with a frame in tube section, seat and back in flat bars. Armrests are fitted with flat drinks holders. Available in green, dark grey, terracotta and gypsum white colours.

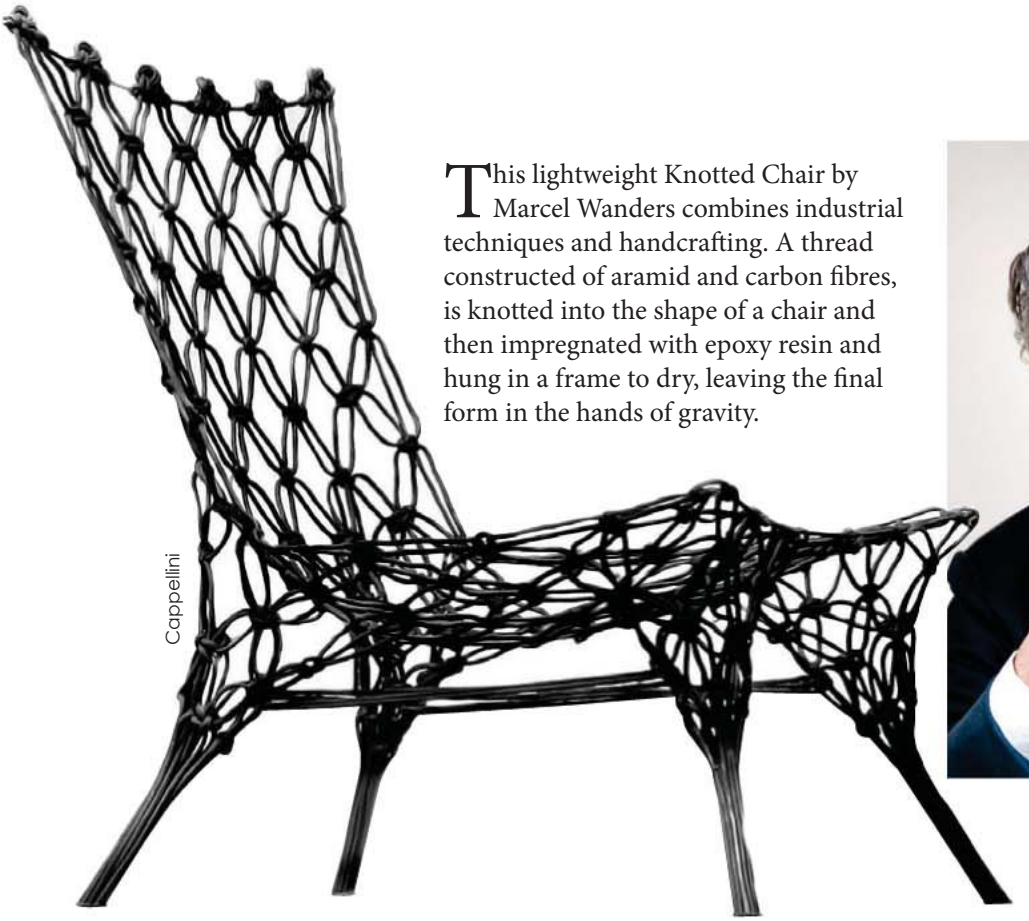
The Layers Cloud Chair by Richard Hutten shows off the beautiful colours and was inspired by the painted desert in Arizona. As a child, Richard dreamed about lying on a cloud. He wanted his piece to be about colours and tactility. Almost 100 colours were used to design the chair. Due to the nature of the fabric, the lower part of the chair is looser, with a compact and solid top. Each layer of the chair was drawn separately, the colours carefully selected, individually cut and applied by hand.

The Pink Chair was created in 2003 by Vladimir Tsesler when he saw a girl sitting on a chair and thought it looked like a single form. After much experimentation with the kind of material, the designer decided to stick to polyester resin and acrylic.

The chair started as a doodle of squares within squares and the concept of a 'chair within a chair' like the popular movie *Inception* about a dream within a dream. The Inception Chair by Vivian Chiul was a light-hearted idea that became a design challenge. The designer wanted to make a chair that was both sculptural and functional, so the idea of being able to take it apart was developed.

London-based industrial designers Nipa Doshi and Jonathan Levien designed an armchair with a slender yet enveloping form called CAPO. The designers got the idea for shape and materiality from the image of a dapper gentleman with a well-cut suit and a felted hat. As the name suggests, CAPO with its wide cantilevered arms and upturned lapel, transforms the sitter into a boss.

Cappellini



Cappellini

This lightweight Knotted Chair by Marcel Wanders combines industrial techniques and handcrafting. A thread constructed of aramid and carbon fibres, is knotted into the shape of a chair and then impregnated with epoxy resin and hung in a frame to dry, leaving the final form in the hands of gravity.

The Magica Chair by Italian designer Davide Conti seems to only stand on one foot. This optical illusion is made possible with transparent material used to maintain the balance. The chair is very durable and strong, and is a perfect piece to have around.

Furniture Art

The newly-opened Nivasa store at MG Road in the capital is an extension of the brand's offerings of art rolled into furniture.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh

After the success of the first flagship store at Delhi's plush Meherchand Market, Nivasa, has now come up with a second outlet at the capital's furniture hub, MG Road. A design company founded by principle designer, Rohit Kapoor, each piece from Nivasa is designed to complement the space it belongs to. The entire range of Nivasa includes anything and everything that a home needs in terms of furniture. Since the idea is to provide complete interior solutions, Nivasa also retails lights, accessories and 4,000 varieties of furnishings.

Nivasa is the brainchild of Rohit Kapoor, a chartered accountant by qualification, who got into the field of designing in the year 1993 with a friend. The self-taught Rohit believes in Kaizan that is constant incremental improvement. Be it furniture, design, texture or colours; this philosophy reflects evidently at the brand's collection.

Talking about his brand, Rohit shares, "We are a simple brand but high on integrity. I always want my brand to reflect the people behind it. The aim is to achieve perfection and the only way is when my creation reflects exactly who I am. I don't want to mislead my customers. Therefore, we try to be authentic in every aspect of design detail."

Rohit feels that the field of design has evolved so wide that he doesn't keep creativity restricted to the four walls. "My design sensibilities have been evolved through travelling. I am very passionate about Spanish designs. I am also fascinated by French and Mediterranean designs," shares Rohit.

The uniqueness of the brand Nivasa lies in the fact that every customer is attended to by a designer and not a sales person. "For me, designing and selling furniture is not enough. You should give a personal touch to every customer entering the brand," says Rohit.
He further adds, "The motto is to change the rules of the game. I want to change the perception people have for furniture and design. I want to redefine the Indian market and bring in a new perception about Indian designs."

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- Rohit Kapoor

Ethnic Bent

How Sahil Bagga and Sarthak Sengupta met the buzzy design scene with innovative yet sustainable design solutions for spaces and more.

Impressions: Ruhi Singh | Images: Sahil & Sarthak Design Co.

Sahil Bagga and Sarthak Sengupta

With an established presence at design festivals such as London's Alchemy Festival, Frankfurt's Ambiente, and Milan Design Week, to name a few, Sahil Bagga and Sarthak Sengupta are distinctly part of the young design mavericks' cool crowd. The design ethos followed at their young and flourishing firm, Sahil & Sarthak Design Co. is to juxtapose something which is mundane with something else that can be contemporary and innovative. The duo also strongly maintain an inclination towards Indian art and craft.

"We have tried to revive, re-contextualise and re-interpret objects that have become obsolete, which don't have any place in our daily life but we have seen them while growing up," says Sarthak. In their work process, the designers try to imbibe two aspects—first, sustainability wherein the products should not only be eco-friendly, but also culturally and socially sustainable. Second, the products should have an element of fun and quirk.

This Delhi-based firm believes in the concept of 'Zero Kilometer Design', as seen at the much-talked boutique property, Lakshman Sagar in Rajasthan. "All elements are

inspired locally, sourced locally and fabricated by local artisans. The objective was to identify and source various skills, crafts and materials around that region that could be improvised and reinterpreted," shares Sahil. They are currently designing two other boutique resorts at Jim Corbett Forest Reserve and the Andaman Islands.

Speaking about inspiration, Sarthak says,"We take inspiration from a wide range of products. Like, a craft that is losing its value and is not practiced regularly but has a story of its own. Majorly, Indian crafts have a context in a way that they are either connected to tradition or religious rituals like weddings, etc." His partner further tells us that they also draw inspiration from the costumes of Kathakali and Thheyyam dance. "The inspiration can be as simple as an object that has no value but has an interesting appeal," says Sahil.

Having worked with a number of materials, a favourite for them is the Katran collection.

"We wanted to create a pragmatic and sustainable system right from the village and town to big cities," shares Sahil. It has received an overwhelming response in India and abroad, and has also been selected for showcase at various international platforms such as Victoria & Albert Museum, London for the India Now show.

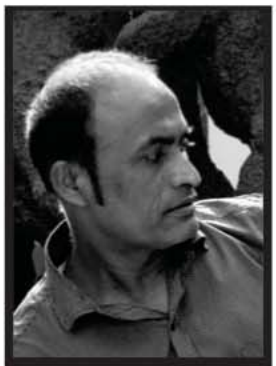
What's really fascinating is the design philosophy behind Sahil and Sarthak's creations that is based on ethics, ethnic and ecology. "It is important to have the right ethics to have a successful brand. Every new project requires collaboration with new craftsmen, vendors and uniquely skilled people- and we try to follow the same concept of ethics for everyone," explains Sahil.

With an eye on the future, Sarthak concludes, "India is full of materials, ideas, crafts and techniques that allow one to explore widely. As a brand, we are continuously evolving by adding new products in different categories."

Master Stroke

Artist Dhiren Kumar Saha's works are a beautiful reflection of the failures and success in life.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian



Dhiren Kumar Saha

Artists are a different league altogether. They use different spectrums and media in their work to showcase the cycle of life. Dhiren Kumar Saha is one such artist. But his medium is surprisingly different. His paintings talk about 'success' and 'failure' in life. And as subject, he chooses 'ups' and 'downs' from his own personal life. His paintings more or less depict learning experiences of life. The elements in his paintings appear as cosmological objects. It talks about shedding away all bondages of life and every violation of human rights in our country. At times his paintings reflect the positives in sporting failures and politics. Almost all his paintings end with a slogan — Never Give Up. Dhiren says, "I draw inspiration from my subconscious mind. And they keep happening frequently". He never draws sorrows, only dynamism, which inspire to face challenges head-on and move on. As a strong medium to pass on a message, he uses acrylic on canvas for all his paintings. He ends on a high, "Through my paintings as an artist, I can convey my anger, sorrow, frustrations, give a message, which may otherwise become difficult. A painting never dilutes, it talks straight".

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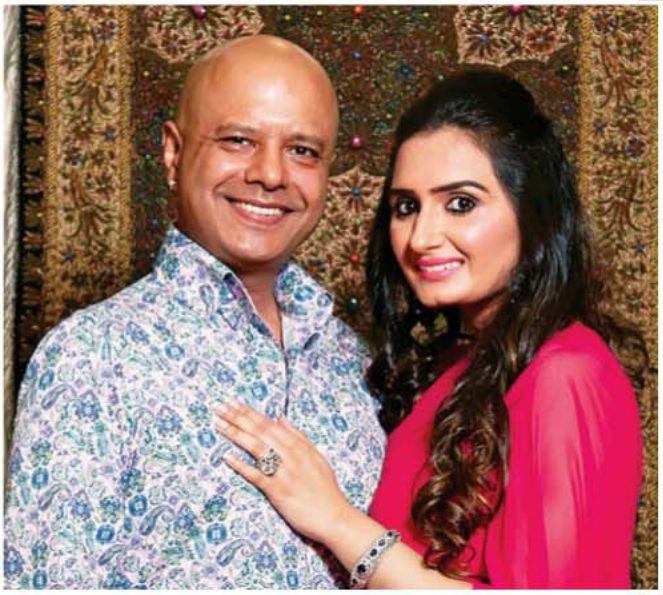
Location: Vasundhara Sarovar Premiere
Image: Prachi Damle



Naved Jafri and Sayeeda Jafri

Country Cool

Naved and Sayeeda Jafri's home in Mumbai's Versova, carries a distinct and unusual Texas country flavour, showcasing the couple's personality in a home that is understated yet elegant.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza
Images: Nisha Drego

It comes as no surprise to find writer, director, actor and host Naved Jafri's home as unpretenious and full of modern simplicity. This rustic inspired set-up suits the busy lifestyle of the outgoing and gregarious Naved and his socialite wife Sayeeda, who was born and raised in Houston, Texas and spends a lot of her time there. The *Boogie Woogie* host is currently touring North Amercia with his live version of an

Clothes Courtesy: Troy Costa (on Naved); Zulekha J Shariff and jewellry by Ghanasingh Be True, hair and make-up by Gurpreet Ghura

Indian dance reality show called *Naach Meri Jaan*. As for their home in Mumbai, the ranch style home decor can be seen amply across the spaces— not only in charming knick knacks and curios but also as part of the design scheme, from deliberately done, undulating and neutral- paletted walls to stout wooden beams and wood flooring. These elements combine to lend the spaces a pleasant, lived-in appeal with nearly every corner, particularly in the living room, inviting you to take a seat and simply unwind over a hot of cup of chai and delicious

snacks, much like the gracious hospitality we met with when visiting this home.

Layoutwise, the modest 2-BHK residence has sections that flow well into each other—a cosily done-up lobby area leading to the study room on the right and the kitchen on the left. This opens into the living room that covers most of the apartment, and which has been visually segregated into a semi-formal and informal seating area, with the latter positioned on a raised platform and set up as a cozy alcove. At the other end lies the two, simply done bedrooms occupied by the couple and his mother respectively.

This home is truly inspiring for the neatly done and thoughtful touches by a couple who seemingly don't spend a lot of time at home, and yet have made one that is filled with light, charm and simple luxury.

Sublime Luxury

Enjoy the flow of the serene backwaters, or simply witness a glorious sunset, as you allow yourself to be pampered at the ethnic settings of the luxurious Vasundhara Sarovar Premier in Vayalar, situated north of Alleppey in 'God's Own Country', Kerala.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Prachi Damle

If a pampered holiday amidst the rains is on your mind, head over to Vasundhara Sarovar Premier, a five-star resort where you will have the backwaters virtually kissing your palms. Strategically located at a distance of around 63 kms from the Nedumbassery International Airport, Kochi, Vasundhara will woo you with a plethora of activity—be it sightseeing, shopping, nature or adventure. Putting up at Vasundhara is a sublime engagement with natural surroundings and coconut palms all around. When at the resort, live and explore the culture of Kerala not only through the authentic cuisines, but also by experiencing the state's folklore and art. Feel indulged with beautifully appointed rooms, bathrooms, and a glorious view of the waterfront.

A spectacular view of the backwaters at a distance through the spacious lobby done up in traditional Kerala style with mural paintings and silver headgear of elephants suggest you are being welcomed into the midst of a typical Kerala temple festival. Most of the rooms of the two-storeyed main building of the resort offer a view of the backwaters, while the

floating cottages and heritage villas open to the lawns or the swimming pool.

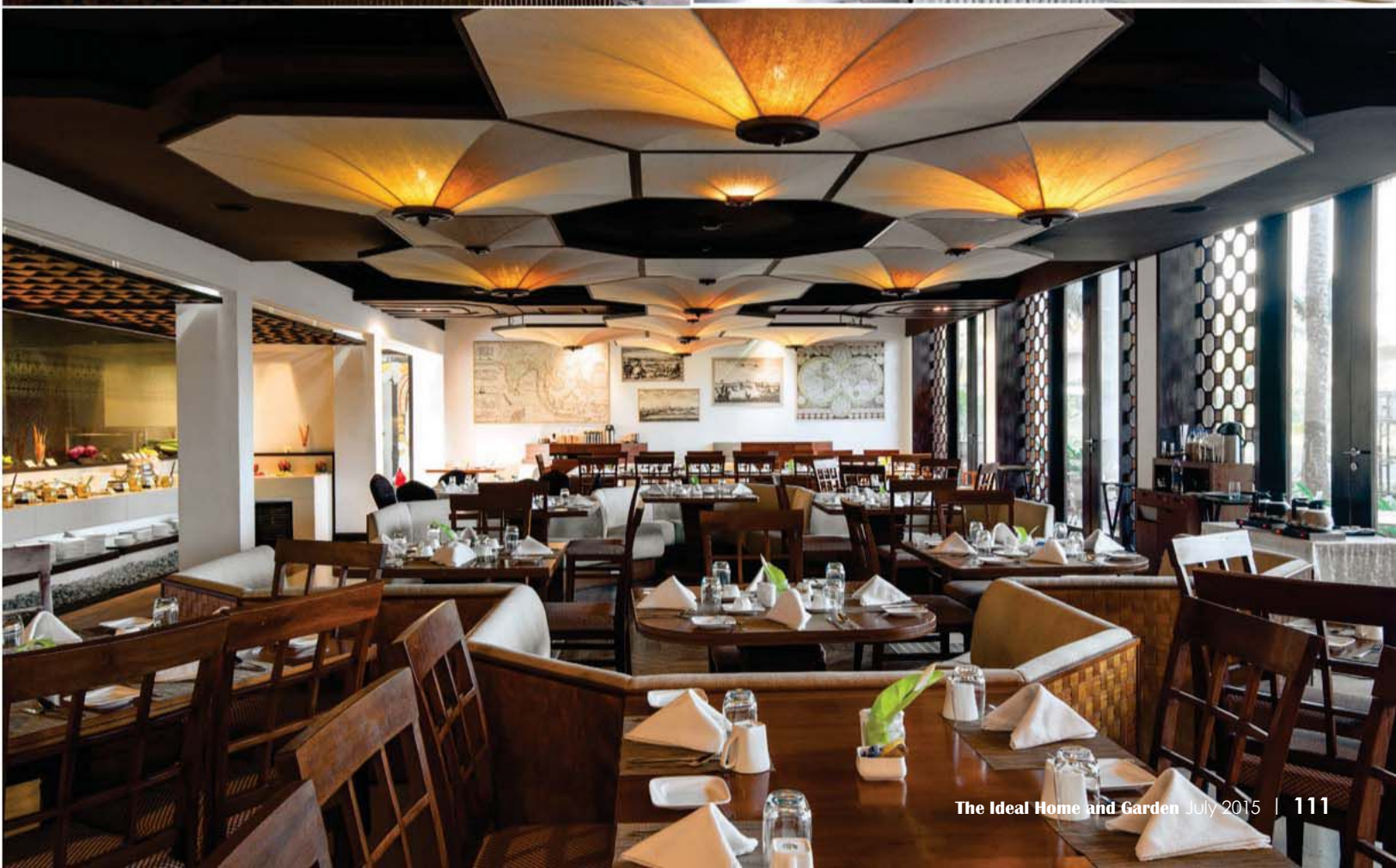
LIVE IT UP

Staying at the floating cottage is perhaps what makes the Vasundhara experience different. The rooms are spacious, the bathrooms clean and they come with a private jacuzzi overlooking the backwaters. These cottages and heritage villas are much sought-after round the year for their ambience.

The heritage villas are 200-year-old structures, that have been transported and placed exactly as they were originally. Cosmetic touches like

placing handmade tiles from Athangudi for the flooring gives it the ethnic touch.

Various facets of Kerala have been introduced in the interiors and décor throughout the resort with the help of coconut shells, coir, and coconut wood floorings. The resort has attempted to bring in an authentic Kerala experience without compromising on the five-star luxury quotient. The wellness activities in the resort include a spa for Ayurvedic,



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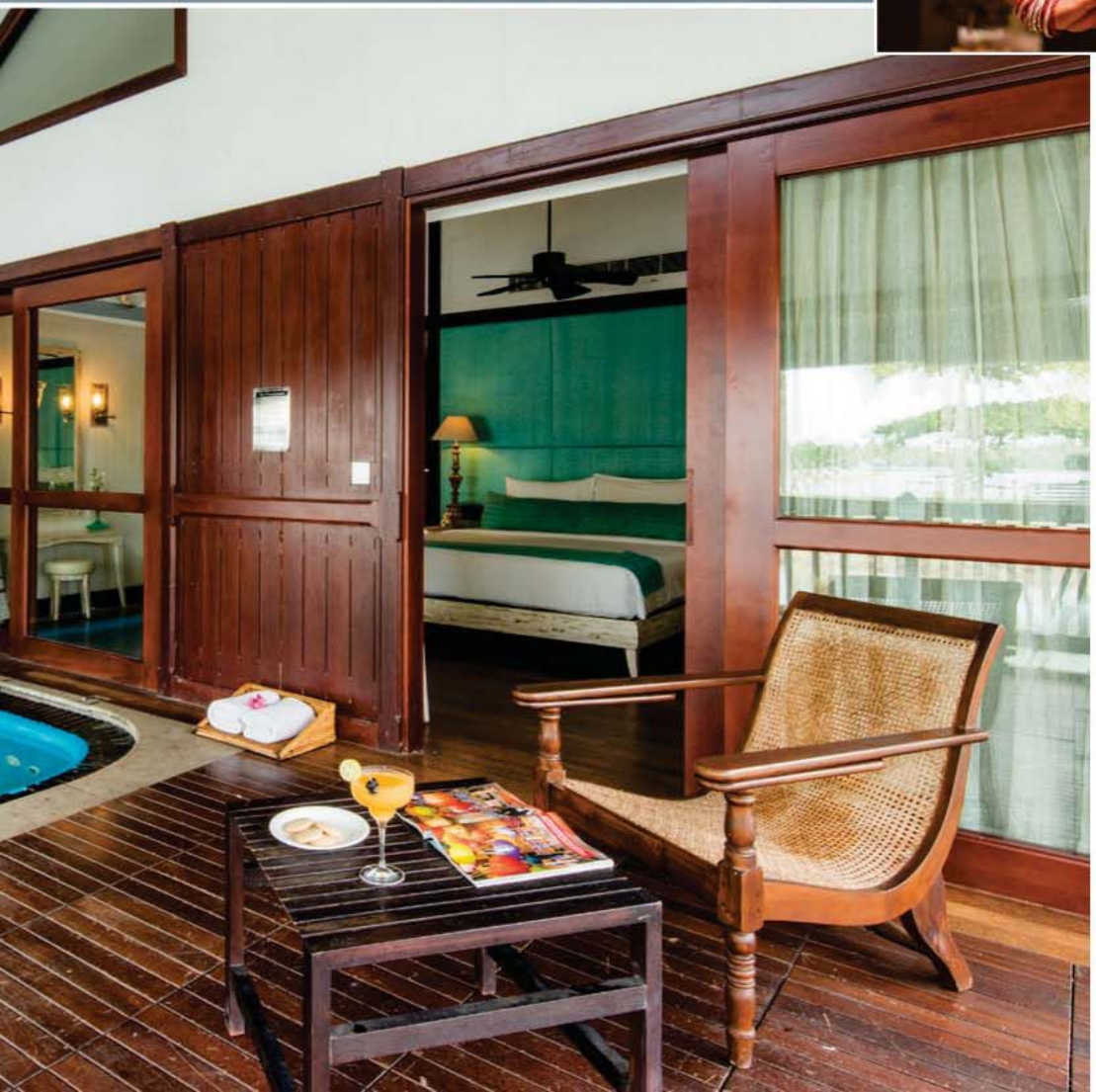
Western and Oriental treatments, with an exclusive room for couples that comes with a private Jacuzzi. A yoga and meditation deck that offers a bird's eye view of the resort and a panoramic view of the backwaters, herbal and vegetable garden complete the facilities.

HUNGER TALES

Mystic Spice, the all-day dining place; and Chemmeen, the seafood specialty restaurant that opens every evening provide various options from buffet to a la carte, from traditional Kerala specialities to North Indian delicacies, as well as Oriental, Mediterranean and an European menu. Diet food as prescribed for those who stay at Vasundhara specifically for the Ayurveda treatment is also a delight. During the evening, while you're taking a stroll, the Chayakada or the tea stall on the promenade close

CHAYAKADA



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An Integrated City

Spread over 1,550 acres, some 35 km from Chennai, Mahindra World City (MWC), an integrated township living culture is set to be a benchmark for the development of more of such cities in India.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Mahindra Lifestyle

The Mahindra Group, the pioneers of the concept of sustainable urban communities in India is up with yet another venture—the Mahindra World City, Chennai. The integrated city being built in Chennai will succesfully create self-fulfilling environments that will nurture livelihood, living and life. The city would act as an economic nerve centre.

Located far from the main overcrowded hub of Chennai, the new city will focus on development. The creation of residential and social infrastructure will act as a catalyst for a self-fulfilling ecosystem.

The city would be based on 3L: (Livelihood, living and life)

Livelihood: The initial focus would be on facilitating wealth creation through an industrial set-up, which in turn will generate revenue, export, and employment.

Living: Once a mass of industries commercial catchment is ready at MWC, the focus would be on enhancing the 'living' namely: developing residential and social infrastructures.

Life: Once livelihood and living aspects are achieved and in place, the impetus would be on augmenting the quality of 'Life' through social events to strengthen the 'community' at MWC. This concept of a community building initiative at Mahindra World City by the Mahindra Group endeavours to create social outreaches and aims to bring diverse communities together.

LOCATION

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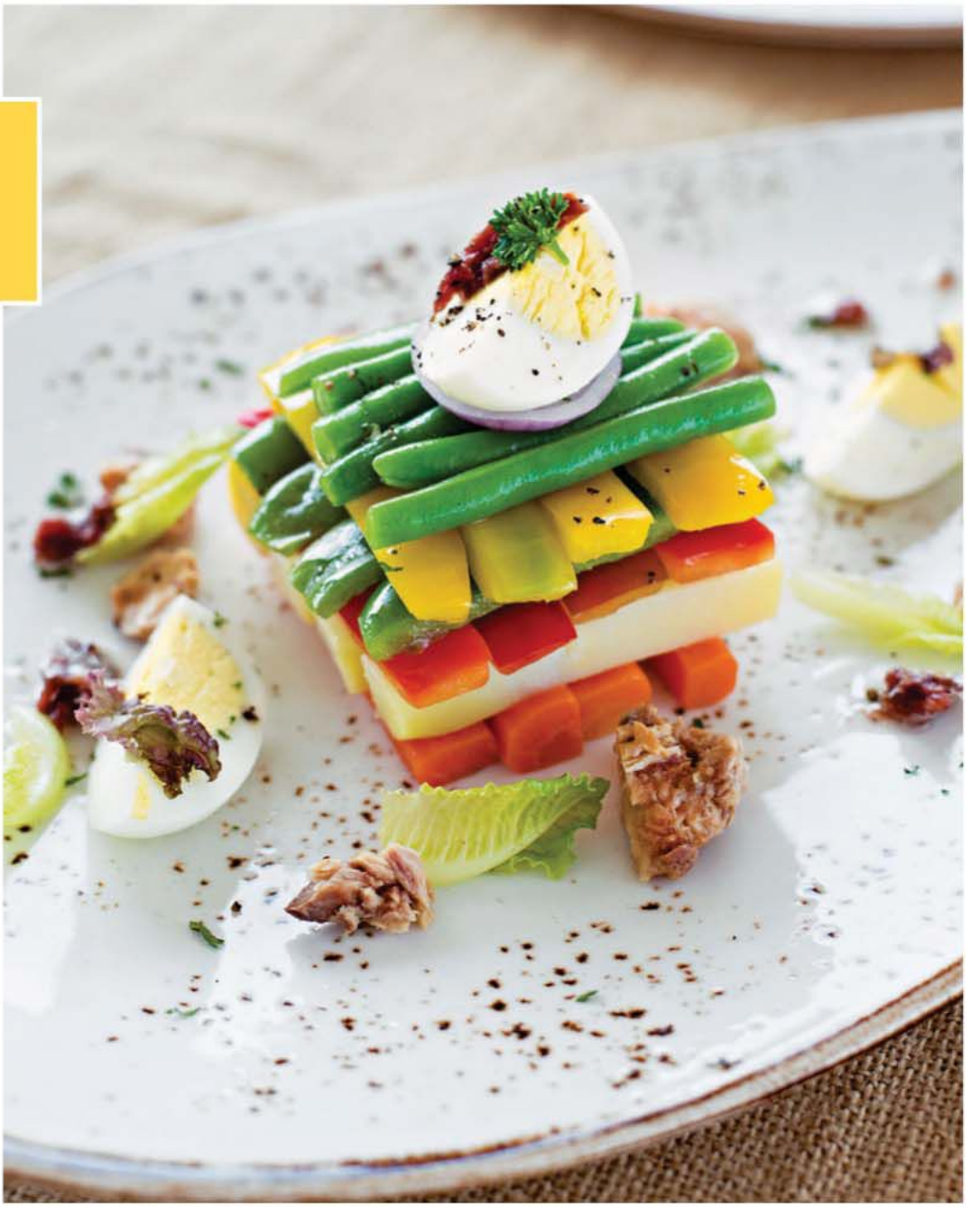
Goan Delight

Chef Ganapathy Mallya of La Brise in Goa's Candolim, whips up some mouthwatering recipes to elevate your dining experience.

Impressions: Benoy Sebastian | Images: Prachi Damle

Chef Ganapathy Mallya

Nicoise Salad



YOU NEED

100 gms carrot
80 gms beans
150 gms potato
200 gms bellpeppers (red/ yellow/ green)
50 gms tuna
8 gms anchovies
15 ml olive oil
3 gms salt
15 ml mustard paste
2 eggs

METHOD

- Blanch all the vegetables to perfection. Boil the potato till tender. Also boil the two eggs.
- For dressing, add olive oil, mustard, sugar, red wine, vinegar till well mixed.
- Arrange in a plate.
- Add garnishing accompanied with tuna chunks, anchovies, olives and cherry tomato.

Tandoori Salmon

YOU NEED

200 gms fresh salmon
100 gms hung curd
20 gms ginger/ garlic paste
5 gms cumin seeds
5 gms yellow chilli powder
5 gms cardamom powder
5 gms maze
3 gms turmeric powder
1 lime
3 gms chat masala
30 ml olive oil
100 gms garnish fruit salsa

METHOD

- To start with, first marinate the fish, then mix the yoghurt, garlic, tandoori curry paste, juice from half a lemon, ginger and the diced chilli together in a small bowl.
- Pop your salmon in and make sure it is well coated.
- Cover and refrigerate.
- Next, mix the salsa ingredients together, cover and keep in the fridge until ready to serve.
- After the salmon has marinated for enough time, roast in a clay oven first for four to five minutes until the edges start to blacken, then turn them over and do the same on the other side.
- Garnish with some mint leaves and piece of cut lemon.
- Serve hot.

Tandoori Broccoli

YOU NEED

200 gms broccoli
100 gms cream cheese
5 gms cardamom powder
5 gms maze
3 gms white pepper
10 gms green chilly chop
20 gms coriander
30 gms butter
5 gms salt
20 ml cream
30 ml mint chutney
1 lemon

METHOD

- Blanch the broccoli florets in the boiling water for 2-3 minutes. Remove the florets from the pot and add them to ice cold water.
- Drain the florets. Grind the green chillies, cardamom seeds and black peppercorns into a fine paste.
- In a separate bowl, mix cream, ginger garlic paste and chili paste. Add salt to taste.
- Marinate the broccoli florets in the mixture for at least an hour.
- Cook in tandoor till it acquires a nice brown colour.
- Serve hot with mint chutney.

Chocolate Mousse Cake

YOU NEED

100 gms sugar
100 gms water
100 gms liquid glucose
550 gms dark chocolate
500 gms whipped cream
20 gms gelatin

METHOD

- Boil sugar, water and liquid glucose.
- When the combination starts to boil, add dark chocolate (chopped) and also add melted gelatin.
- Add 30 per centof the whipped cream to cool the mixture; then cut and fold the remaining whipped cream.
- Quickly set it in a mould. After an hour, put it on to a plate.
- Serve garnished with chocolate sauce and whipped cream.

Lamb Chops

YOU NEED

280 gms lamb chops
30 ml red wine
20 gms olive oil
25 gms butter
50 ml demi sauce
200 gms zucchini green/ yellow
80 gms broccoli
50 gms baby corn
30 gms mushroom
20 gms beans
150 gms potato
5 gms herbs

METHOD

- Using a dampened kitchen string, tie each lamp chop to hold the tail in place, curled into the chop, pin-wheel like.
- Place the chops in a roasting pan just large enough to accommodate them in a single layer and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle olive oil evenly over the chops.
- For a good sauce, reduce the sauce till thick and smooth.
- Boil potatoes, drain, and when cool enough to handle, peel and place in bowl and mash. Return potatoes to the saucepan and add butter, cream, mustard and garlic. Season with salt and pepper, place over medium heat and stir until mixture is heated through.
- In a plate, arrange the mash potatoes and lamb chops and serve.

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Quirky Elegance

Simple and non-trendy, Cafe Nemo at Worli village in Mumbai, oozes the right kind of design savvy, flavoursome fare, coupled with an offbeat location, making it worth seeking out for this one.

Impressions: Keshia D'Souza | Images: Courtesy Cafe Nemo

Café Nemo is a modern all-day restaurant, with multiple spaces that flow seamlessly in an almost storylike manner—an elegantly lit bar area with folding tables, two dining rooms, and a private event area. This 4,500 sq. ft. bungalow in Worli village in Mumbai has been transformed by Busride Studio into an offbeat space with a modern minimal vibe that creates an understated style statement with a strong signature attitude.

The gallery-like whimsical space comes alive when the black and white illustrated maps adorn some of the surfaces, and the incomplete frameworks allow a constant creative expression to flow from the plate onto the walls. With wall installations that keep changing, high ceilings, a section with pretty hand mirrors and flooring resembling a chessboard, the minimalist but refined interiors spell quirky elegance.

Talking about the restaurant name and dining experience, partners Anup Gandhi, Nevil Timbadia and Sahil Timbadia inform that it is derived from the book 'Story

of Captain Nemo.' Just like the protagonist of the book, the partners set out on a voyage of discovery and have created a place with cuisine and drinks inspired by travel and produce. A dining experience that can be defined by taste not type, they have transformed the loud, grungy erstwhile space into a calmer, nonfussy Cafe Nemo. "We just like the name Nemo, it's simple and nontrendy. Also, we are located in a village by the sea in Mumbai, so it's kind of hidden and you will have to 'Find Nemo'. We serve our version of cafe fare influenced by our travels around the world and with an aversion to typical cafe fare found in Mumbai. While the cuisine is agnostic, we are biased with Asian flavours and this is evident in our menu items."

The new trendy space is a complete package, which the team has tried to create.

The agnostic yet bold flavours of food are complemented by a full service bar and locally brewed craft beer on tap. In addition, Nemo's Party Cabin is a great space for festive banquets and a great intimate space for the music and the performing arts.

Designwise, colours are a common thread that connects the menu and décor—colourful agnostic delicacies with Asian influences and monochrome interiors. Besides, the contrast of the age old bungalow walls and high ceilings with the modern minimalistic walls on the opposite side are a remnant of another age and time in Mumbai.

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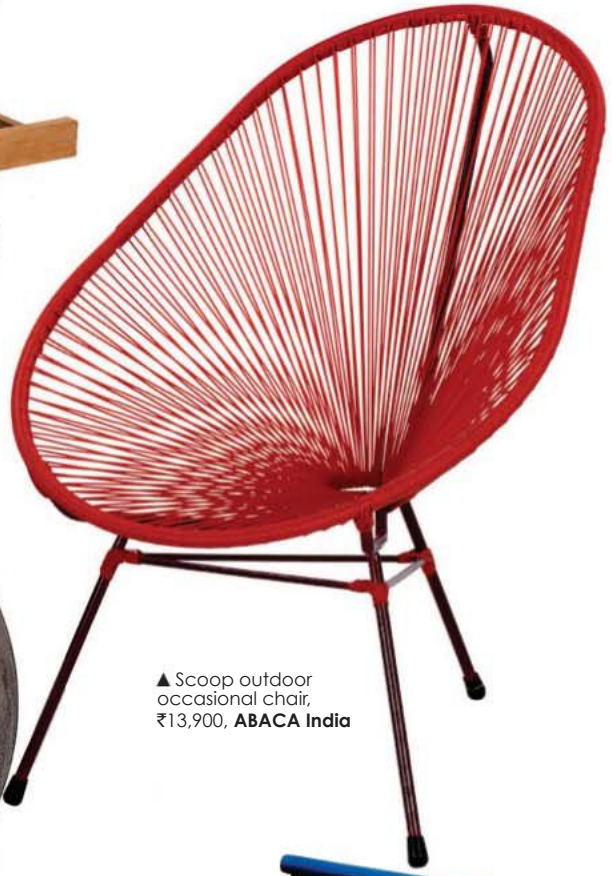

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